

Hebrews 12:14-17

***-How to Have Peace in the
Church***

-1 Corinthians 11:17-19 (ESV) 17 But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, 19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

-[Rom 12:18-21 ESV] 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

-[1Ti 2:1-2 ESV] 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

**“No Dust-Collecting Christians
Allowed!”**

-[2Th 2:13 ESV] 13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

-[Rom 8:29 ESV] 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**-Y'ALL strive for/Y'ALL see to
it...**

-“Exhortation without explanation leads to frustration.”

-Deuteronomy 29:18 (ESV)

**Beware lest there be among you
a man or woman or clan or tribe
whose heart is turning away
today from the LORD our God to
go and serve the gods of those
nations. Beware lest there be
among you a root bearing
poisonous and bitter fruit,**

-1 Thessalonians 4:3 (ESV) For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

-Genesis 27:34 (ESV) As soon as Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, even me also, O my father!”

**-Genesis 27:36 (ESV) Esau said,
“Is he not rightly named Jacob?
For he has cheated me these
two times. He took away my
birthright, and behold, now he
has taken away my blessing.”
Then he said, “Have you not
reserved a blessing for me?”**

-Genesis 27:38 (ESV) Esau said to his father, “Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father.” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

-Genesis 27:41 (ESV) Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

-A common salvation.

**-A common pursuit of holiness/
sanctification.**

**-A shared love and loyalty to
our Lord above self.**