

What's a Peaceful Parent? | Peaceful Parenting, Part 1

I. We're All Commanded to Have Peace

- Galatians 5:22-25
- *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”*

II. Peace (as used in Philippians 4) does not mean a lack of conflict.

- David is a perfect example of a man who frequently found himself in war time scenarios and either asked God for peace in the middle of the trial or wrote about the peace he experienced. That means that you can be at peace in your parenting even when you have a terrorist child trying to manipulate you through fear or literally trying to hurt you physically.

III. Peace is not a feeling.

- Emotions are untrustworthy. (Jeremiah 17:9)
- Decisions are to be made with our reasoning minds, not our emotional hearts. (Proverbs 28:26)

IV. Peace is not a divine stamp of approval.

- God does not give us extra-biblical revelation.
- Moses received a direct command from God Himself, and yet Moses didn't feel “at peace.”

V. Peace Is Impossible to Fully Communicate because It's a State of Being

- Philippians 4:7 tells us that peace “*surpasses all comprehension.*”
- Peace is “soul rest.” It's an inner contentment, serenity, a state of tranquility.

To truly have the peace of God in your parenting is to experience a state of being that defies comprehension. It can be accompanied by wonderful feelings, or it can sustain us when our feelings are in chaos. It's a knowledge. It's an understanding. It's a plane of living. That is what we're commanded to have.