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Are you enjoying the Great Christian Life? You could be

(Jesus) Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. — John 14:27

Whenever we experience something difficult in our personal life, we are tempted to blame God. But we are the ones in the wrong, not God. Blaming God is evidence that we are refusing to let go of some disobedience somewhere in our lives. But as soon as we let go, everything becomes as clear as daylight to us. As long as we try to serve two masters, ourselves and God, there will be difficulties combined with doubt and confusion.

Luke 6:46 But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Our attitude must be one of complete reliance on God. Once we get to that point, there is nothing easier than living the life of a saint. We encounter difficulties when we usurp the authority of the Holy Spirit. Don't sympathize with those whose case suggests God is hard.

Pr 13:15 The way of the unfaithful is hard Mt 11:30 My yoke is easy and my burden is light

God's mark of approval, whenever you obey Him, is peace. He sends an immeasurable, deep peace; not a natural peace, "as the world gives," but the peace of Jesus. Whenever peace does not come, wait until it does, or seek to find out why it is not coming. If you are acting out of your own will, or to be seen by others (*always check your true motives*), the peace of Jesus will not exhibit itself. This shows no unity with God or confidence in Him.

Ps 119:165 Great peace have they which love your law and nothing shall offend them

Isa 26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts in You (and brings every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ 2 Co 10:4)

Jo 16:33 (Jesus) ...In Me (your will always yielded to Me) you may (will) have peace...

Col 3:15 AMP Let the peace from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds...

The spirit of simplicity, clarity, and unity is born through the Holy Spirit, not through your decisions. God counters our self-willed decisions with an appeal for simplicity and unity.

My questions arise whenever I cease to obey. When I do obey God, problems come, not between me and God, but (*while not from God He uses them*) as a means to keep my mind examining with amazement the revealed truth of God. But any problem that comes between God and myself is the result of disobedience. Any problem that comes while I obey God (**Many evils confront the consistently righteous, but the Lord delivers him**

out of them all. *Ps 34:19 AMP*) increases my overjoyed delight, because I know that my Father knows and cares, and I can watch and anticipate how He will unravel my problems.
2 Chron 20:17 ...Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you...