

## "The Gifts of Christmas: The Power of Peace"

Luke 1:57-80

"Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day."  
(Helen Steiner Rice)

**We will enjoy peace in our lives when  
we choose to live with...**

**P** \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

- Purpose gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to see past the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pride will forever \_\_\_\_\_ our vision because we can't see past \_\_\_\_\_.

*Which one characterizes your life most often?*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

- Empathy ensures that we will \_\_\_\_\_ for others.
- Apathy will make us \_\_\_\_\_ toward others.

*Do people know how much you  
really care...yes, they do!*

**A** \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

- Affirmation \_\_\_\_\_ all that is good.
- Accusation \_\_\_\_\_ all that is bad.

*How many positive things do you say in a day?!*

**C** \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

- Commitment calls forth our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Carelessness forces us to make \_\_\_\_\_.

*Are you committed to do/be your best in all things!*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.

- Enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_ others and inspires \_\_\_\_\_.
- Exhaustion produces \_\_\_\_\_ and kills \_\_\_\_\_.

*Does your enthusiasm energize  
those in your world?*

## "Peace for Christmas"

by Kenneth William Snow

**All I want for Christmas is Peace  
All I want is war to cease  
In the homes and on the street  
Peace on earth and joy to greet**

**Underneath my Christmas tree  
Christmas morn I hope to see  
Headlines blaring PEACE ON EARTH!  
For men of naught and men of worth**

**Wrap peace up in shiny foil  
Seal it tight so it won't spoil  
Put it on a freezer shelf  
Keep it fresh, our future wealth**

**Take it out at dinner time  
Share a slice of peace of mind  
Pass it out to all our Brothers  
Sisters, Children and our Mothers**

**Use the peace meal, use it wisely  
Digest it well and let our eyes see  
Peace on earth, good will to men  
Need not wait until the end**

**In our homes on Christmas Day  
Preach of Peace as only way  
To be happy, to be sure  
To meet Peace at Heaven's door**

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing, so that by the power of the  
Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)*