

Here are a few texts that will remind us of God's view of peace and humility

(Prov 26:12 NKJV) Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

(1 Cor 14:33 NKJV) God is not the author of confusion but of peace.

(Prov 16:18 NIV) Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

(Rom 12:10 NIV) Honor one another above yourselves.

(Isa. 26:3, ICB) You, Lord, give true peace. You give peace to those who depend on you. You give peace to those who trust you.

**Other terms for peace and humility:**  
Calm, cooperative, modest, submissive, gentle, long-suffering, accommodating, courteous.



## One Last Thought. . . .

*When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. {Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 173}*



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## Christian Values Your Kid Should Know



## Peace and Humility<sup>1</sup>

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*But the meek shall inherit the earth,  
And shall delight themselves in the  
abundance of peace. Psalm 37:11  
NKJV*

Peace and humility go together –  
humility leads to peace.

## GUIDELINES

- 1. Model peace and humility in your family relationships.**
- 2. Encourage an atmosphere of sharing and cooperative play.**
- 3. Encourage a positive self-respect, but discourage bragging and boasting.**
- 4. Help children experience forgiveness, both giving and receiving.**
- 5. Avoid excessive competition. Encourage respect for each person's strength.**
- 6. Encourage family members to help each other through difficulties.**
- 7. Encourage non-violence and peace.**
- 8. Refuse to allow negative communications in your home.**
- 9. Show children how to handle praise.**
- 10. Teach children negotiation and peaceful conflict resolution skills.**

**11. Hold children responsible for their behavior.**

**12. Create a calm atmosphere in your home.**

**13. Teach children how to deal with personal safety issues.** Develop a clear plan of action so your children will know exactly what to do in case their personal safety is threatened. Teach them how to recognize danger signs and what to do.

## FOCUSED GUIDELINE

Often some children can play peacefully with most anyone except their own siblings. They can be kind and compassionate to other children and adults, but not to each other. If you can minimize sibling rivalry, your children will gradually begin to live more peacefully together and learn to enjoy each other.

## SIBLING RIVALRY

**1. Check the quarrel quotient of your home.** In a general atmosphere of quarreling and rivalry, children are going to do the same. Do you speak to your children in a peculiar voice most of the time? Do you and your spouse quarrel a lot? Are you a very competitive family, with each person trying to outdo the others? Do you criticize the children and your spouse a lot? Can your children rarely do anything that satisfies you? If your answer is yes to most of these questions, expect a lot of quarreling among your children. Modeling is the most powerful teaching tool in a family.

**2. Try to give each child individual attention.**

**3. Give clear guidelines that promote respect for each family member.** This includes each person's possessions, as well as his or her privileges and rights.

**4. Never compare one child with another.**

**5. Give your children lots of good-times-together memories.**

**6. As much as possible, allow your children to settle their own conflicts.**

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**Family All-star Team:** Create a family all-star team by discovering each person's abilities. Each family member could have several positions on the team. New talent can be discovered anytime! Examples: Organizer (management skills), reporter (observation skills), cheerleader (enthusiasm), etc.

**Pride in Your Culture:** Leaf through magazines with your children, looking for ways your culture encourages selfish pride and arrogance. Discuss what you find. What does it mean to be proud and arrogant? How does pride control your thinking? What is the difference between feeling justifiably proud of one's accomplishments and arrogantly, selfishly proud? Analyze TV commercials the same way.