

## **Doing Good and Pursuing Peace**

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Psalm 34:8-14

Doing good and pursuing peace go hand in hand. When we look closely at the things that rob us and our world of peace, it is generally acts of sin and evil.

We can see this illustrated in our own homes. I've noticed in our home, when things are the most lacking peace, it is usually because of sin. These sins whether done by me, or by others, causes a deep disruption in our home that moves us away from peace. These moments of conflict in our home are really just microcosms of a lack of peace on a larger scale.

A lack of peace in our world is caused by injustice, racism, selfishness, pride, lust, a desire for power; in short the cause is sin. These sins done on a broader and more systemic level, lead to unrest, conflict, and war in our world.

The way to pursue peace is to turn our hearts from evil and to do good. To repent of sin, we turn our lives in a completely different direction, towards God who is good and who is life. When we do good, we will also find that we are pursuing peace.

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