

Where the grace of God is missed, indifference and resentment is born.

But where the grace of God is embraced, forgiveness flourishes...

The more we immerse ourselves in grace, the more likely we are to give grace.

1. What is the best method you have found for quitting bad habits and developing good habits?

Note:

Before Christ our lives were out of control, sloppy, and indulgent. We didn't even know we were slobs until we met him.

Then he moved in. Things began to change. What we threw around we began putting away. What we neglected we cleaned up. What had been clutter became order. Oh, there were and still are occasional lapses of thought and deed, but by and large he got our house in order.

Suddenly we find ourselves wanting to do good. Go back to the old mess? Are you kidding?

"In the past you were slaves to sin—sin controlled you. But thank God, you fully obeyed the things that you were taught. You were made free from sin, and now you are slaves to goodness" (Romans 6:17–18). NCV

2. What is one Godly habit you are working to incorporate into your daily routine?

3. List some habits we could all develop that would help us live within the grip of God's grace.



Titus 2:11-14

11 That is the way we should live, because God's grace that can save everyone has come. 12 It teaches us not to live against God nor to do the evil things the world wants to do. Instead, that grace teaches us to live now in a wise and right way and in a way that shows we serve God. 13 We should live like that while we wait for our great hope and the coming of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. 14 He gave himself for us so he might pay the price to free us from all evil and to make us pure people who belong only to him—people who are always wanting to do good deeds.

Philippians 4:8-9 NCV

8 Brothers and sisters, think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected. 9 Do what you learned and received from me, what I told you, and what you saw me do. And the God who gives peace will be with you.

4. List some things that are good, true, pure, and/or beautiful?

5. What steps can we take to begin eliminating habitual sin from our lives?

6. Think of someone you believe has learned to live habitually within God's grace.

Describe that person's lifestyle.



15 So what should we do? Should we sin because we are under grace and not under law? No! 16 Surely you know that when you give yourselves like slaves to obey someone, then you are really slaves of that person. The person you obey is your master. You can follow sin, which brings spiritual death, or you can obey God, which makes you right with him. 17 In the past you were slaves to sin—sin controlled you. But thank God, you fully obeyed the things that you were taught. 18 You were made

free from sin, and now you are slaves to goodness.
7. Describe what it means to be set free from sin and become a slave to righteousness.
8. How does grace fit in with our efforts to obey God's law?
9. List some of the joys and rewards of obedience you have experienced.

REFLECTIONS

How can we who have been made right not live righteous lives?

How can we who have been loved not love?

How can we who have been blessed not Bless?

How can we who have been given grace not live graciously?

How could grace result in anything but gracious living?

Who is one person I have not treated graciously in the past? How can I extend God's grace to that person today?

Final Thoughts