



# Experiencing God's Peace Through Your Hobbies



Discover how to enjoy God's gifts fully by finding peace in your hobbies, blending faith and rest to refresh your soul daily.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this 5-day Bible study on peace found in the everyday joys God has given us—our hobbies. In the midst of busy lives, God invites us to rest, delight, and find tranquility in the simple pleasures He has placed in our hearts. Hobbies are more than just passing interests; they are gifts from God to refresh our mind, body, and spirit.

Often, we separate faith from our leisure time, but the Bible reveals that peace—God's perfect shalom—is available in all areas of life. As you engage in activities you love, you can experience deep, spiritual peace that renews you. This study will guide you to embrace your hobbies as sacred moments to connect with God's presence and grace.

*Whether you love painting, gardening, reading, music, or sports, your hobbies can become vibrant channels of God's peace, reminding you that He delights in your joy and rest.* Each day, we'll explore Scripture that unveils God's peace and how it intersects with leisure, opening your heart to fully enjoy His gifts without guilt or distraction.

It's time to redefine your relationship with rest and recreation, allowing God's peace to flow through your hobbies and calm your soul. Prepare to be encouraged, inspired, and renewed as you discover new ways to glorify God joyfully through what you love.





# Day 1: 🕊️ God's Peace: The Foundation of Rest



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## Your Verse

*Philippians 4:7 - 'And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 11:28 - 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'*
- *Psalms 23:2 - 'He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.'*



Day 1: 🕊️ God's Peace: The Foundation of Rest


## Devotional: God's Peace: The Foundation of True Rest

**God's peace is the ultimate foundation for true rest.** Philippians 4:7 promises a peace beyond human understanding that protects our hearts and minds. When we come to God weary or distracted, He offers rest that refreshes us deeply. This rest is not just physical; it's spiritual, emotional, and mental. It's the kind of peace that settles anxiety and calms racing thoughts.

*In our hobbies, we can tap into this divine peace by intentionally inviting God to be present as we engage with the gifts He's given us.* Whether crafting, playing, or simply sitting quietly, doing so in God's presence allows us to experience the rest He provides. This transforms hobbies from mere pastimes into sacred spaces of renewal.

Consider today how you can welcome God's peace as the foundation of your rest and recreation. Let your hobbies be more than distractions; let them be moments where God's tranquility fills your heart.



Day 1:  God's Peace: The Foundation of Rest

## Reflect and Apply

1. How can I invite God's peace into my hobbies and leisure time?

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2. What does 'rest' mean to me beyond physical relaxation?

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3. In what ways have I experienced God's peace guarding my heart and mind?

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Day 1:  God's Peace: The Foundation of Rest

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a hobby that brings you peace and why.

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2. Describe a time when God's peace calmed your anxious thoughts.

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3. Reflect on how your rest habits could be transformed by trusting God more.

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Day 1: 🕊️ God's Peace: The Foundation of Rest

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for the gift of Your peace that goes beyond what I can understand.** Help me to invite You into my hobbies and daily joys so that I can rest fully in You. Guard my heart and mind today as I seek to refresh my soul through the gifts You have lovingly given me. Teach me to see my leisure as sacred time for renewal and connection with You. *Thank You for being my refuge and rest.*





## Day 2: 🎨 Enjoying God's Gifts Without Guilt



Day 2: 🧘 Enjoying God's Gifts Without Guilt

## Your Verse

*Ecclesiastes 3:13 – 'That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Timothy 6:17 – 'God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.'*
- *Psalms 16:11 – 'In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.'*



Day 2: 🧘 Enjoying God's Gifts Without Guilt

## Devotional: Embracing Hobbies as God's Gift Without Guilt

Often we feel torn between productivity and enjoyment, especially with hobbies. But God desires for us to enjoy the fruits of our labor and the leisure time He provides without guilt. Ecclesiastes reminds us that satisfaction in work and rest is a divine gift.

*When we view our hobbies as God's gracious gifts, we can fully embrace them as sources of joy and refreshment, not as distractions or selfish indulgences.* 1 Timothy 6:17 encourages us to remember that God 'richly provides' for our enjoyment, implying that delighting in hobbies aligns with His generous nature.

Psalm 16:11 highlights the joy found fully in God's presence, which amplifies the pleasures we experience. Imagine the peace when your hobbies become part of your worship and gratitude—a celebration of God's goodness.

Today, let go of any guilt surrounding your hobbies and accept them as blessings meant to refresh and inspire you.



Day 2: 🧠 Enjoying God's Gifts Without Guilt

## Reflect and Apply

1. Do I struggle to enjoy my hobbies because of guilt or busyness?

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2. How can seeing my hobbies as gifts from God change my attitude toward them?

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3. In what ways can I integrate gratitude for God's provision into my leisure time?

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Day 2: 🧘 Enjoying God's Gifts Without Guilt

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about moments when you've felt guilty enjoying leisure and how to release this.

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2. List your hobbies and thank God for each one as a gift.

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3. Journal about how your hobbies bring you joy and refresh your spirit.

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Day 2: 🎨 Enjoying God's Gifts Without Guilt

## Prayer for Today

**Father, thank You for giving me hobbies and talents to enjoy.** Help me to release guilt and fully receive these gifts as blessings from Your hand. Teach me to appreciate the balance between work and rest and to find satisfaction in the moments of leisure You provide. May my enjoyment of hobbies reflect Your goodness and bring joy to my soul. *Thank You for richly supplying all things for my happiness in You.*





## Day 3: Peace in Creativity and Expression





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## Your Verse

*Exodus 35:35 - 'He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as engravers, designers, embroiderers...all kinds of artistic skill.'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 139:14 - 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.'*
- *Colossians 3:23 - 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.'*



Day 3: 🌿 Peace in Creativity and Expression

## Devotional: Finding Peace Through Creative Expression

**Creativity is a beautiful reflection of the Creator's peace flowing through us.** God equips us with unique skills for artistic expression, whether drawing, writing, woodworking, or music. Exodus 35:35 reminds us that our abilities are God-given and meant to be used for good.

*Engaging in creative hobbies can lead to deep peace as it connects us to God's character of beauty and order.* Psalm 139:14 affirms that we are wonderfully made, encouraging us to celebrate creativity as part of our identity. When we approach our creative hobbies as acts of worship and stewardship, working wholeheartedly as Colossians 3:23 teaches, they become avenues for experiencing God's peace.

Make space today to express yourself creatively, knowing that this is a God-honoring way of finding tranquility and joy in your leisure time.



Day 3: 🌿 Peace in Creativity and Expression

## Reflect and Apply

1. How does creativity help me connect with God's peace?

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2. What talents has God uniquely given me to enjoy and develop?

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3. In what ways can I offer my creative hobbies as worship to God?

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Day 3: 🌿 Peace in Creativity and Expression

## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a creative hobby and how it brings you peace.

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2. Write about how embracing God-given talents could deepen your faith.

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3. Journal a prayer dedicating your creative work to God's glory.

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Day 3: 🌿 Peace in Creativity and Expression

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for the skills and creativity You have placed within me. Help me to embrace these gifts joyfully and to use them in ways that honor You. May engaging in creative hobbies draw me closer to Your peace and refresh my soul. Teach me to work with all my heart as if working for You alone. *Fill me with Your Spirit as I express Your beauty through my talents.***





## Day 4: Peace in Physical Activity and Rest



## Day 4: ⚽ Peace in Physical Activity and Rest

## Your Verse

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – 'Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... therefore honor God with your body.'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Genesis 2:2-3 – 'God rested on the seventh day... and he blessed the seventh day and made it holy.'*
- *Psalms 46:10 – 'Be still, and know that I am God.'*



## Day 4: ⚽ Peace in Physical Activity and Rest

## Devotional: Honoring God with Your Body in Peaceful Activity

**Physical hobbies like sports, walking, or dancing are important ways to care for the body God gave us.** 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 calls us to honor God with our bodies, and engaging in physical activity can be a joyful expression of stewardship. These activities can bring peace as they release tension, improve health, and create moments of stillness and connection with God.

*God models rest in Genesis 2, blessing the seventh day and making it holy, reminding us that rest and rhythms of activity are essential for peace.*

Whether your hobby is energetic or restful, each moment can become a sacred opportunity to be still and acknowledge God's presence, as Psalm 46:10 encourages us.

Today, reflect on how you can incorporate balance between active hobbies and restful periods to cultivate peace in your body and soul.





Day 4: ⚽ Peace in Physical Activity and Rest

## Reflect and Apply

1. Do I see physical hobbies as part of honoring God with my body?

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2. How can balancing activity and rest in hobbies deepen my peace?

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3. What steps can I take to make rest intentional and sacred?

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Day 4: ⚽ Peace in Physical Activity and Rest

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your favorite physical hobby and how it refreshes you.

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2. Describe how rest has been a blessing in your life.

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3. Reflect on ways to create holy rhythms of work and rest in your routine.

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## Day 4: ⚽ Peace in Physical Activity and Rest

## Prayer for Today

God, thank You for the gift of my body and the joy of physical activity. Teach me to honor You as I engage in hobbies that keep me healthy and refreshed. Help me find balance between movement and rest, embracing the peace that comes from both. May I stop regularly to be still and recognize Your sovereignty in every moment. *Thank You for Your sustaining strength and peace.*





## Day 5: 🙏 Integrating Peace Into Everyday Enjoyment



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## Your Verse

*Colossians 3:15 - 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.'*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 14:27 - 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'*
- *Romans 15:13 - 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'*



Day 5: 🙏 Integrating Peace Into Everyday Enjoyment

## Devotional: Letting Christ's Peace Rule in Daily Life

As we conclude this study, we focus on allowing Christ's peace to permeate all aspects of life, including leisure and hobbies. Colossians 3:15 invites us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. This peace is not circumstantial but a sovereign presence that guides our enjoyment.

*John 14:27 reminds us that Jesus grants us a peace different from what the world offers — a peace that is lasting and complete.* Romans 15:13 connects this peace with joy and hope as we continue trusting God daily. When hobbies are integrated intentionally into our lives with this mindset, they become daily channels of God's peace and joy.

May your hobbies no longer be segregated moments but expressions of the peace Christ reigns in your heart. Celebrate God's abundant gifts as you live in His rest, joy, and peace every day.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How can I allow Christ's peace to 'rule' in my daily activities?

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2. In what ways can my hobbies reflect God's peace and joy to others?

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3. What practical steps can I take to integrate faith and leisure more intentionally?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how you can make your hobbies moments of worship and peace.

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2. Reflect on ways your peace in Christ affects your attitude during leisure.

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3. Journal a plan for encouraging mindful, peaceful enjoyment in daily activities.

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Day 5: 🙏 Integrating Peace Into Everyday Enjoyment

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus, thank You for the peace that You give—a peace unlike any the world can offer.** Help me to let Your peace rule in my heart and mind in every area of life, including my hobbies and leisure. Fill me with joy and hope as I trust in You and learn to enjoy Your gifts fully. May my life reflect Your peace and invite others to experience the tranquility found in You alone. *Guide me each day to live in restful enjoyment of Your abundant blessings.*





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