

# Peace on Earth

## *Peace Stealers*

**Luke 12:51** Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. (NIV)

**Luke 2:11-14** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (NIV)

**John 14:27** “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid. (NLT)

### 4 Peace Stealers

#### 1. Unavoidable Circumstance

**Jeremiah 4:20** Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies in ruins. In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment. (NIV)

#### 2. Unnecessary Problems

**Proverbs 19:3** People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD. (NLT)

#### 3. Unbearable People

**Psalms 109:3** With words of hatred they surround me; they attack me without cause. (NIV)

#### 4. Uncontrollable Worry

**Proverbs 12:25** Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up. (NLT)

### 1. Receive the gift of peace

**Know Jesus, Know peace... No Jesus, No peace.**

**Ephesians 2:13–14** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, (NIV)

## 2. Have a gift exchange

**Matthew 11:28–29** “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (NIV)

## 3. Give away the gift of peace

**James 3:18** And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. (NLT)

**Proverbs 12:20** Deceit fills hearts that are plotting evil; joy fills hearts that are planning peace! (NLT)