

# **Making Peace with Reality**

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## **Chaos & Its Ramifications**

*Session 1*

### **I. Introduction**

#### **A. Definition of Chaos:**

#### **B. A Feeling that ....**

#### **C. Four Questions**

1.

2.

3.

4.

#### **Words Found on Old Clock In Winchester Cathedral**

*When as a child I laughed and wept, Time crept.  
When as a youth I waxed more bold, Time strolled.  
When I became a full-grown man, Time ran.  
When older still I daily grew, Time flew.  
Soon I shall find, in passing on, Time gone.  
Oh Christ! wilt Thou have saved me then?  
Amen.*

*"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend  
the rest of my life there." ....Charles Kettering, Inventor*

#### **D. The Problem - Our Chaotic Lifestyle**

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## Power, Meaning & Purpose, Peace

Session 2

### I. Introduction - Pursuit of Power

A. Power of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Matthew 20:25-28*)

B. Power of \_\_\_\_\_

C. Power of \_\_\_\_\_

D. Power of \_\_\_\_\_

E. Power of \_\_\_\_\_

F. Power of \_\_\_\_\_ (*Proverbs 9:10*)

G. Power of \_\_\_\_\_

*Fame is a vapor,  
popularity an accident,  
riches take wings.  
Only one thing endures  
and that is character.*

*Abraham Lincoln*

#### Definition

*Let me propose another definition of power or a powerful life: People have power when they go through life meeting every circumstance, good or bad, with confidence and dependence on God. They arrive at their older years with the conviction that they have lived life well, with few regrets; that they used their gifts, power, and time for good and for God, serving their family and neighbors with selflessness and generosity.*

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## Perseverance and Passion

Session 3

### I. Introduction – *Perseverance & Passion*

*Never give in, never give in, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty-never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never give in.*

Winston Churchill

### II. Perseverance - *The Anatomy*

#### A. Factors

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

#### B. Paul on Perseverance (*II Corinthians 11:23-27; Philippians 4:11-12*)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### C. Foundations for Perseverance

*If God promised His servants an unbroken run of prosperity, there would be many counterfeit Christians. Don't be surprised at famine . . . it is permitted to root you deeper just as a whirlwind makes the tree grapple deeper roots into soil. F.B. Meyer*

## Making Peace with Reality

Any company that survives in this changing world must constantly update, review, and refine its plans, and so must we in our personal lives. *Making Peace with Reality* gives practical ways to find meaning and purpose in the midst of personal chaos.



### IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE PEACE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD?

Our lives are too busy, too occupied, and too hurried. Chaos presses us from all directions. It's not just external influences such as the explosive growth of technology, the threat of terrorism, and jam-packed schedules. Chaos also fills our hearts and minds as we wrestle with dissatisfaction, emptiness, failure, competition, worry, and anger. We tire of the unpredictability and disorder. We long for tranquility and quietness. Yet life goes on with little change.

Jerry White offers insights from his own years of living in life's trenches and making peace with his reality. With a look at the past, he reveals how we got to today's chaos and offers hope for a peaceful tomorrow. Offering practical suggestions for focusing on the meaning and purpose God has for each of us, *Making Peace with Reality* presents welcome solutions to surviving the chaotic storm swirling around us and inside us.

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