



Day 64

Beloved Peacekeepers,

Today is day 64!!! Can you believe it - yet interesting enough, it is not yet the official "closing" - Today's principle is that of celebration - we've decided that we would be taking today, and tomorrow to gain insights on celebration. We begin with the celebratory act of acknowledgment -

First I would like to acknowledge each of you for sharing this journey - these 64 days of "Deepening the Practice."

Next, to acknowledge each of you who had the courage, to add insights and forward these messages to those you loved; those who shared common thoughts on non-violence and the unity of all.

Next, those within SNV Oakland who have held the vision - to allow for the greater mass to understand the principles of non-violence.

And most importantly - I'd like to give heartfelt thanks to the Center for the Advancement of Nonviolence, who created core curriculum, which was the foundation or springboard of the daily practices - all that was written under the title "Today's Practice"; most of the "Ask Yourself"; most of the "Activities"; and some of the Quotes - created to assist in the advancement of the principle. Visit their website at www.nonviolenceworks.com for information and supporting materials.

Each of you, during the 64 Days have made a difference - celebrate yourself this day!

Today's Principle, Today's Practice - CELEBRATION

Rejoice in the work that you have done. Celebrate the journey that you have made with countless others who believe that every individual can move the world in the direction of peace with their nonviolent choice and action. Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Ask yourself: What kinds of celebrations do we participate in all the time? What is your favorite way to celebrate? What does celebration have to do with "rites of passage"? Why are both important in our lives? Which cultural celebrations are you familiar with? Have you participated in a celebration of a culture different that you own? What did you observe? What was your experience? What will you do this day to celebrate non-violence in your world?

Activity - Create a collage from various magazines in your home - a collage that reflects what you have learned, discovered, and reflected upon during the 64 Days/64 Ways of Non Violence. Take time with your family and friends to discuss the wonders and the beauty of living nonviolently.

Journal Activity: Journal your thoughts....today, use crayons or color pens - live differently and vibrantly!

Consider these Quotes on Celebration:

Today - this is yours to create - ask those important to you what Celebration means!

With a grateful heart, in the words of Lionel Ritchie....."the time has come to raise the roof....."

Blessings,

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