

Questions About Luke 10:5-6

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It was my wife's idea to help poor people...she would make bags of supplies for me to give to the homeless...that's the degree or amount of Light she has for the poor...we can easily work with that amount of Light as a husband and wife. I have a question for the pastor.

What does this mean: "And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again." Luke 10:5-6 KJV

Answer:

What a beautiful heart you and your wife share — walking in the light you have, showing compassion to the poor, and desiring to grow deeper in understanding. That *is* the spirit of Christ at work in your home.

Let's explore your question from Luke 10:5–6 (KJV):

"And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, *Peace be to this house*. And if the **son of peace** be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again."

What Does "Peace Be to This House" Mean?

In Jewish culture, this was a common greeting — *Shalom* — meaning more than just the absence of conflict. It meant **wholeness, blessing, and divine favor**.

Jesus was telling the 70 disciples He was sending out (Luke 10:1) that when they entered someone's home while sharing the gospel, their **first action** should be to offer *peace* — a spiritual greeting, blessing, and prayer for God's favor on the household.

This isn't just good manners. It's a *spiritual act of invitation* — extending the peace of Christ to those open to the kingdom.

Who Is the "Son of Peace"?

The phrase "**son of peace**" refers to someone who is:

- Open to the message of the gospel
- Receptive to the Spirit of God
- Peaceable in spirit, character, and conduct
- Willing to welcome God's messengers

If such a person is present, Jesus says:

"Your peace shall rest upon it."

Meaning — the **blessing you offered becomes effective**. God's favor, love, and presence will settle in that home and life.

What If They Don't Receive It?

Jesus adds: *"If not, it shall turn to you again."*

In other words, **your peace is never wasted**. If it's not received, it *returns to you*. You are not diminished by rejection. God doesn't let your love go to waste — He honors your faithfulness.

Application for You and Your Wife

Your act of **compassion toward the homeless** — offering food, hygiene, supplies, and love — is like speaking, *"Peace be to this life."*

- Some may receive it. You're blessing a "son of peace."
- Others may not respond — but **your blessing still counts**, and God will give it back to you in some form.

Every time you extend kindness in the name of Jesus, **you're fulfilling this very instruction** from Luke 10. You're doing Kingdom work — and the light of God in your marriage is shining into dark places.