

**KNOWING WHEN TO FOLD 'EM
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THE SERENITY PRAYER

**GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE.
THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.**

I. WHAT IS THE SERENITY PRAYER AND WHY DO WE NEED IT?

- A. The word “serenity” means to be in a state of tranquility, calmness or peace .
- B. Serenity is needed to accept the things we can't change.
- C. Another way of knowing when to fold 'em is called acceptance.
- D. Acceptance isn't an excuse not change the things we can.

II. SERENITY COMES FROM GOD.

- A. Jesus says serenity or peace come from God--John 14:27 and 20:19.
- B. Paul also says serenity or peace comes from God--Gal. 1:3; 5:22 and Phil 4:7 and 2 Thess. 3:16.
- C. Paul knew how to have serenity in every situation in life--Phil 4:11-13.