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Philippians



- The overarching **theme** is that we can have **joy** no matter what we face

Philippians 4:1

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

- He is **encouraging** them to stay **true** to God no matter what they face

Philippians 4:4

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

- Best **chapter** in the Bible when you want to know **how** to live in **joy**

Philippians 4:6

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- A key to walking in joy is overcoming **anxiety**, because anxiety is the **ultimate** joy thief

Philippians 4:11-12

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

- Paul had learned the **secret** to being **content**
- You have to make the **decision** to live in joy **every** day
- **How** do you go about **making** that decision?
 - **Pray** about everything

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Joy **begins** with **prayer**
- The **peace** of God is the **opposite** of anxiety

- **Think** about the **right** things

Philippians 4:8

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

- We take in **rivers** of negativity and only **drops** of joy
- **Trust** God in **all** things

Philippians 4:13

¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- Anxiety marks the **spot** where we **mistrust** God

- Joy **Wins!**