# **HOW TO KEEP FROM STRESSING OUT**

# Philippians - Part 7

Philippians 4:6-13

"If you do THESE THINGS you will experience God's peace which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts quiet and your heart at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."

Vs. 7 (LB)

#### 1. REFUSE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING

"Never worry about anything..." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

JESUS SAID THE FOLLOWING REGRADING WORRY

WORRY IS <u>UNREASONABLE</u>

"Don't worry about your life, what you'll eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life <u>more important</u> than food, and the body <u>more important</u> than clothes?" Matthew 6:25

WORRY IS <u>UNNATURAL</u>

"Look at the <u>birds</u> of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not <u>much more valuable</u> than they?"

Matthew 6:26

"And why worry about clothes? Look at the <u>field lilies</u>! They don't worry about theirs. Yet King Solomon in all his glory was never clothed as beautifully as they." Matthew 6:28-29

WORRY IS UNHELPFUL

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:27

WORRY IS UNNECESSARY

"If God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you, O you of little faith?"

Matthew 6:30

"Unload <u>all your worries</u> on God since He is looking after you!" 1 Peter 5:7 (JB)

#### 2. PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING!

"Never worry about anything. Instead <u>in every situation</u> let God know what you need <u>in your prayers</u> and requests..." Philippians 4:6 (GW)
"You do not have, because you do not ask God." James 4:2

"Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't He who gave us Christ, also give us everything else we need?"
Romans 8:32 (NLT)

#### 3. THANK GOD IN ALL THINGS!

"...When you ask God for what you need also thank him for all he's done." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

"...always ask <u>with a thankful heart</u>." (TEV)

"In everything give thanks, for THIS is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!" 1
Thessalonians 5:18

## 4. THINK ABOUT GOOD THINGS!

"<u>Fill your minds</u> with those things that are <u>true</u> and <u>good</u> and <u>right</u>. <u>Think about</u> things that are <u>pure</u> and <u>beautiful</u> and <u>respected</u>. If anything is <u>excellent</u> or if anything is <u>worthy of honor</u>, think about those things."

Philippians 4:8 (NCV/NAS)

"You Lord, will keep in <u>perfect peace</u> all who trust in you, and whose <u>thoughts are fixed ON YOU!</u>" Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

### 5. BE CONTENT WITH ANYTHING!

"I have <u>learned to be content</u> whatever the circumstances. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have <u>learned</u> the secret of <u>contentment in every situation</u>, whether I'm well-fed or hungry, when I have more than I need or when I don't have enough." Philippians 4:11-12 (LB)

#### HOW?

"I have the strength to face anything and everything by the power that Christ gives me." Philippians 4:13