

EMBRACING JOY

A Secure Joy

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | Tommy Duke
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“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work.

Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again – rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.” – Philippians 4:1-5

THE FINAL CHAPTER OF PAUL’S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS TEACHES ME TO EMBRACE JOY BY...

- CHOOSING _____ OVER _____.

1) RIGHT _____.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:6-7

2) RIGHT _____.

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” – Philippians 4:8

3) RIGHT _____.

“Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me – everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” – Philippians 4:9

• CHOOSING _____ OVER _____.

1) GOD'S _____.

"How I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but you didn't have the chance to help me." – Philippians 4:10

2) GOD'S _____.

"Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." – Philippians 4:11-13

3) GOD'S _____.

"At the moment I have all I need – and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:18-19

Memory Verse:

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again – rejoice! – Philippians 4:4

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Philippians 4:4.
- ☐ Ask for God's help to choose peace over worry this week.
- ☐ Seek godly contentment, starting today.
- ☐ Sign up to share God's love through our Groves football team meals (first one is September 9).

* Join us next Sunday, September 6, at 11:00am, as we kick off our brand new teaching series, *"The Greatness Principle."* It's a great opportunity to invite a friend, family member, co-worker, or classmate to attend with you!



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