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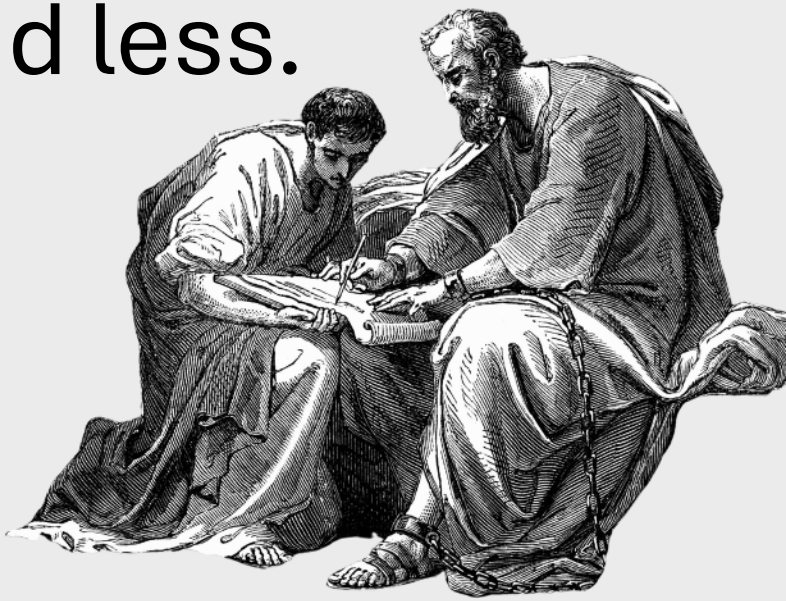
“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.”

G.K. Chesterton

Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Rejoice – Rejoice! 4

- FIRST – ‘REJOICE!’
- Easy to say? Where was Paul?
- Joy is never circumstantial!
- There will always be more that had less.
- ‘in the Lord’



“If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled.”

C.H. Spurgeon

Php 4:5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Rest 5

- SECOND – “LET YOUR GENTLE SPIRIT BE KNOWN!”
- Flexible nature NOT Flexible character
- “The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.” Psa 145:18
- Known for? Reputation of yielding.
- “sweet reasonableness”
- I seek your best!



"Thanksgiving is a mighty prayer"

John Bunyan

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

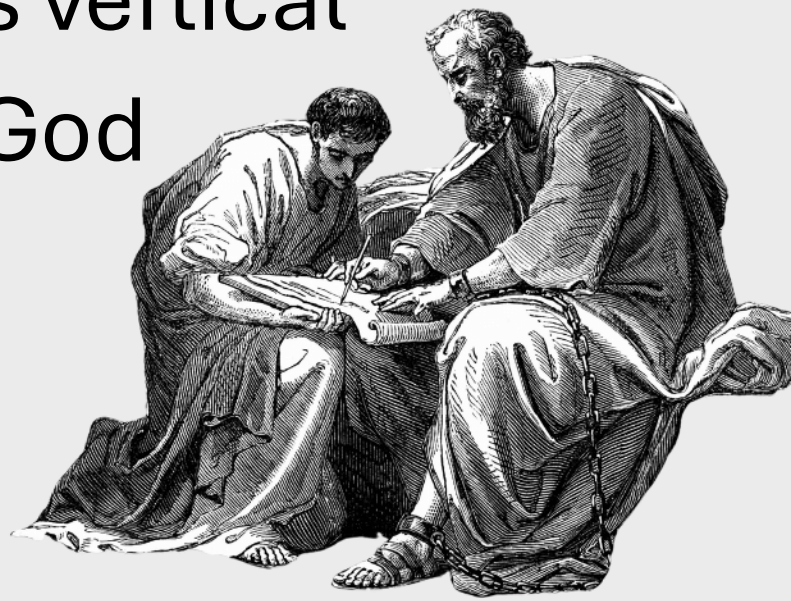
Rely 6

- THIRD – “BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING!”
- Thanksgiving is not Thankshaving!
- Worry or Watchful?
- NOT: Inactivity or Passivity
- NOT: Apathy or Ignorance
- NOT: Absence or Retreat



Rely 6

- THIRD – “BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING!”
- Anxiety is in self – Thanksgiving is in God
- Anxiety is near sighted – Thanksgiving sees God
- Anxiety is horizontal – Thanksgiving is vertical
- Anxiety ask self – Thanksgiving asks God
- Anxiety expresses FEAR
- Thanksgiving express FAITH



“If you knew what God knows you would ask for what He wants to give!”

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Return 6

- **“BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING!”**
- **“BUT BY PRAYER…**
  - ‘in everything’
  - ‘by prayer’
  - ‘supplication’
  - ‘thanksgiving’
  - ‘requests’
  - ‘to God’



“Give thanks as loudly as you prayed!”

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Relax! 7

- “Peace with God” – Romans 5:1
- “Peace from God” – 12x (Rom, 1Cor, 2Cor, Gal, Eph, Php, Col, 2Thss, 1Tim, 2Tim, Tit, Phm)
- “Peace of God” – source and supplier!
- ‘hearts & minds’ – feel and know!
- ‘guard’ – watch out for – **HE KNOWS!**



“We can’t always give thanks
***FOR** everything,*
but we can always give thanks
***IN** everything.”*
Ruth Bell Graham

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

Php 4:9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

“We are in a wrong state of mind if we are not in a thankful state of mind!”

C.H. Spurgeon

THANKSGIVING – THANKSLIVING!

- Thanksgiving is not Thankshaving!
- Test is in absence or adverse
- What do we think about – Greed or Grace?
- Peace of God comes only from the God of Peace!
- **I will be thankful for everything!**



“Thanksgiving is good but thanks-living is better.”
Matthew Henry

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