

Philippians 4:1-9 Notes

The grammar of the Gospel: *indicatives come before imperatives.*

“The imperatives of the Christian life are always rooted in the indicatives of what God has done for us in Christ.” Kevin Deyoung

Outline:

Prioritize unity

Always rejoice

Be gentle

“The gospel creates a new community, and when that community fractures, the credibility of the gospel is weakened.” Tim Keller

“There is nothing quite so godlike as making peace.” Kevin Deyoung

“People need reminding more often than they need instructing.” CS Lewis

If somebody gave you a dollar every time you complained and collected one every time you rejoiced would you be rich or poor?

“Joy is a grace which all the other graces grow in.” Thomas Watson

“Nothing is more suited to the Christian life than gentleness.” John Calvin

Gentleness is a moderated, restrained spirit that does not press its own rights but treats others with patience and generosity.