



Chapter Four

Joy in the Church

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Philippians 4

Several Important Descriptors:

- ▶ Therefore (what's it there for?)
- ▶ Anything
- ▶ Every
- ▶ Everyone
- ▶ Everything
- ▶ Always
- ▶ Whatever
- ▶ All

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1. Reasonableness

- Greek = Gentle, yielded(submitted?), moderate, unwillingness to contend - ex. Jn 8 Woman Caught in adultery
- Paul was calling for these two women to get things figured out & agree in the Lord - not bicker about petty things
- They shared previously in the partnership of the Gospel with Paul, Clement & others
- Asked Leadership to step in & help

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2. Confident in the Lord's Return ("At Hand")

- No time for the unimportant & temporal, to reconcile things quickly
- Last Generation Mentality - live with anticipation, excitement and... eyes & ears open, looking for the signs!
- Urgency to share to get the gospel out, to do missions = No greater Joy
- Calls us to Righteousness, holiness, readiness - 1 John 3:1-10

"[15] And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

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3. Guarded by Peace through Prayer

- It's the first & the last thing that is done - with Thanksgiving
- NOT- a "I guess all we can do is pray" mentality after we have stressed out & exhausted all other solutions
- Note: Request...not demands
- Doesn't just guard your mind but your heart - peace is a fruit of the presence of the Holy Spirit...this then leads to Joy another fruit

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- Peace that surpasses understanding = Mind blowing!!! = leads to some serious JOY in your life!

"[25] These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. [26] But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. [27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.

John 14:25-28 | ESV

"Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [28] You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."

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- Peace that surpasses understanding = will blow your mind!!! which again leads to some serious JOY in your life!

4. Intentional about the "Whatever's"

- Thinks on & practices things of the Word
- Thinks the best about marriage partners, ministry partners, etc
- Be aware of 'Love Collisions' - might be the issue with our two ladies?

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5. Learns physical & monetary contentedness
 - Learns the difference between NEEDS & WANTS



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Even when clients cite 'basic incompatibility' as the reason for divorce, CDFA professionals often recognize this as a surface label for deeper emotional, financial, or trust-based fractures that have built over time.

This trend is echoed in the 2025 Voice of the Customer Survey, where CDFA professionals report growing demand for early-stage financial guidance—especially as clients face emotionally and financially complex transitions.

Recent studies continue to confirm that financial disagreements remain a powerful predictor of divorce. In 2025, data shows financial problems contribute to between 20% and 40% of all divorces. Gen Xers report finances as the primary reason for divorce at a rate of 41%, Boomers at 29% ([Jimenez Law Firm, 2025](#).)

National surveys in 2025 rank lack of commitment, infidelity, conflict, and financial issues as the leading causes of divorce. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative's 'National Survey of Marital Strengths,' incompatibility remains a top cause alongside financial issues, while financial disagreements are cited by over a third of all divorcing couples.

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5. Learns physical & monetary contentedness

- Knows the difference between NEEDS & WANTS
 - ▶ It will not just change your budget & marriage, but will change your prayer life!
 - ▶ Contentedness is one of the biggest challenges for us as Americans especially
- Why does Paul say I have "learned the secret"?
 - ▶ Unique challenges in Abundance/plenty

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- ▶ Unique challenges in Want/Need
 - v. 13 is misquoted and taken out of context all the time!...what does this mean in the context of Christ & the Gospel?

6. **Discovers the JOY of Giving =Kingdom Investments**

- They're Seeking Kingdom fruit/credits
- Giving to something outside of ourselves, that gives me no personal benefit, but God uses for benefit in the life of someone else

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- Those that learn this grace, will be surprised by the people who come up to them in eternity and thank them for their investment
- The Philippian's investment in Paul's ministry was investment in all those he lead to Christ and raised up in ministry!
- "Tithe" - just means Tenth(10%) - about obedience to the Lord not the amount
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15

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7. Chooses Rejoicing over Regretting

- Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice....things are going well, Rejoice! God is blessing your efforts, Rejoice!....Feeling anxious about anything...pray and again REJOICE!

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In Christ

Let's Sing it IN!

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again I say Rejoice

Rejoice, Rejoice and again I say

Rejoice