

A Gratefully Thankful Testimony

Philippians 4:1-13

Intro: Now Paul, from a jail cell, encourages:

4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. ² I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of **the same mind in the Lord**. ³ And I urge you also, **true companion, help** these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my **fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life**. ⁴ **Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!** ⁵ **Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.**

1. Christians to _____ and give praise to God! Be in worship!

⁶ **Be anxious for nothing**, but in everything by **prayer and supplication**, with thanksgiving, **let your requests be made known to God**; ⁷ and the peace of God, which **surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds** through **Christ Jesus**.

2. Christians to choose to _____ but to ask of God. Be excited for what God will do!

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things **are true**, whatever things **are noble**, whatever things **are just**, whatever things **are pure**, whatever things **are lovely**, whatever things **are of good report, if there is any virtue** and if **there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things**. ⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, **these do**, and the **God of peace will be with you**.

3. Christians do let your mind _____ in things of God and His peace. Be content knowing that God is there!

¹⁰ **But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly** that now at **last your care for me** has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, **for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content**: ¹² **I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound**. Everywhere

and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, **both to abound and to suffer need.** ¹³ **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

**4. Christians be confident that Jesus is our _____! Be thankful!
The Lord is for you!**

Song by our signing ladies...

Invitation:

Paul knew when Jesus saved him that his life of sin, arrogance, murder, hate, debate, false teaching was forgiven, and that he was spared from the eternal death, hell and the grave! He was grateful for one more day!

His time in the jail was not wasted but was spent by continually sharing and living His testimony. Finish strong this Thanksgiving season! Live a life of grateful praise and share your joyful testimony with those around you!

If you don't have a growing testimony, pray with me...