

LESSON 11: Philippians 4:1-9

- 1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long *to see*, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.
- 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to ^alive in harmony in the Lord.
- 3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of* the gospel, together 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 gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.
- 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 comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- 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.
- 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.

Introductory Remarks

Section 1 : Stand firm in the Lord.**Take time to meditate on that truth.**

1. Why?
2. How?

3. Cross references :
 - a. 2 Thess 2:15
 - b. 1 Cor 15:58
 - c. Eph 6:11,13,14

Section 2 : Harmony

1. The Important Theme

2. Euodia and Syntyche :

3. The church

Section 3: Commands of Peace

- a. **Observations :**
 - i. Rejoice in the LORD

 - ii. a spirit of **gentleness**
 1. **ἐπιεικής, ἔς:**

 - iii. The Lord is near.

 - iv. Be anxious over nothing.
 1. **μεριμνάω *merimnāō*;**

 - v. in everything prayerful

 - vi. In everything with thanksgiving

 - vii. Making request known to God.

2. The fruit of that kind of faith

Section 4: Dwell and Practice**1. Thinking & dwelling.**

- a. Proverbs 23:7
- b. Mark 7:20-23

2. Practice these things.**Suggested Discussion Questions :**

1. A major command was to stand firm and various other commands contributed to that call. What are some things for you personally that you are trying to stand firm against?
 - a. Some testimonials, How has trusting in God and making your prayers known to him surpassed circumstances / comprehension / guarded you etc?
2. How do we help people live in harmony in the Lord?
 - a. What are some good ways to do it, some bad ways?
3. How have you been doing in the area of brain input? i.e. what have you been watching or dwelling on lately?
 - a. Have you been "Rejoicing in the Lord" - what about the Lord are you rejoicing in lately?
4. The passage says, "Do not be anxious about anything." What are some things in your life that frequently give you anxiety? Why does anxiety tend to prevent us from praying to God?

Next Week : ** Philippians 4:10-19 **

1. Try to outline the passage: Do you see any pattern or structure of thoughts?
2. What is Paul rejoicing in the Lord for? Observe all that the Philippians did for Paul.
3. What is Paul's attitude in V11-13? The commonly quoted verse 13, what is it's context and more appropriate parameter?
4. What is Paul's attitude in v17-19? Is there any difference in thought with V11-13?
5. Are there any general principles to draw concerning financial support, gifts etc?