

Philippians Part 6 HANDOUT

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PHIL: 4:1-3 - Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

- Paul was not afraid to bring difficult situations to light
 - Euodia and Syntyche need to be of the same mind - Aim for the glory of the Lord!

KEY: “God is invisible to the world. Our love takes an invisible God and makes Him visible.”

PHIL 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

- **Rejoice** is the verbal form of Joy - it puts joy on display
 - Life Is Tough, BUT God Is Good!

KEY: Joy is the supernatural delight in God and His plan.

PHIL 4:5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

- This is especially important today, because our world is becoming less kind. This is our opportunity to be counter-cultural.

PHIL 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Christians can give their anxiety/worries/concerns to the Lord

- God will meet them with peace in the midst of struggle.
- Pray about everything
- **Trials are simply tools that God uses to change you**

PHIL 4:8-9 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

KEY: You will have to have to let go of your own pattern of thinking in order to embrace God's perspective.

PHIL 4:10-13 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me...

- Philippian people connect in a meaningful way through their giving

PHIL 4:14-16 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles...

- The Philippian church is truly partnering in the Gospel with Paul.

PHIL 4:17-18 ...They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

- Paul recognizes that their generosity is a Kingdom of God investment

KEY: Contentment does not come from what you have, but from Whom you have.

- When you give to ministries, find fruitful ministries - God will put that fruit to your account.

PHIL 4:19-20 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.