



Adding Contentment to Peace and Joy

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Peace

Philippians 4:6-9

⁶Be anxious for nothing,

but in everything by prayer and supplication

with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

⁷And the peace of God,

which surpasses all comprehension,

shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, 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,

let your mind dwell on these things.

⁹The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me,

practice these things;

and the God of peace shall be with you.

true Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

honorable ...be imitators of God, as beloved children;

² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

³ But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints;

⁴ and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. (Ephesians 5:1-5)

right Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law. (Romans 3:31)

pure As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

¹⁶ because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1Peter 1:14-16)

lovely For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:7-8)

good repute ...I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. (Philippians 4:18)

excellence you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (1Peter 2:9)

...seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence... (2Peter 1:3-5)

worthy of praise Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. (1Corinthians 4:5)

Contentment and Joy

Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰But

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly,
that now at last you have revived your concern for me;
indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹Not that I speak from want;
for I have learned to be content
in whatever circumstances I am.

¹²I know how to get along with humble means,
and I also know how to live in prosperity;
in any and every circumstance
I have learned the secret of being filled
and going hungry,
both of having abundance
and suffering need.

¹³I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Ephesians 6:5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

⁷ With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

⁸ knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

1 Timothy 6:6 ...godliness *actually* is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment.

⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

⁸ And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

Philippians 3:13 ...one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

2 Corinthians 12:7 ...because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me-- to keep me from exalting myself!

⁸ Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

⁹ And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

All Scripture is from the NASV. Philippians 4:6-13 (in the boxes) is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.