

Philippians 4

King James Version (KJV)

4 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. (Stand fast on the Word of God. Be strong in this corrupt world. Don't be swayed by the social pressures from the left or the right)

²I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. (These are two women who taught with Paul)

³And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life. (Paul had many helpers in his teachings. Christianity is a fellowship of men and women who believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as God)

NOTE: (Ignorant preachers teach that women cannot be preachers. That's false. The Apostles worked with many women preachers, as did Paul. The only reason that Jesus chose men as Apostles is because those were dangerous times. They had to travel from town to town to teach. They all carried swords for self defense)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. (Be happy to be in God's good graces)

⁵Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. (Be happy but don't get proud. That was Satan's mistake)

(Teach others slowly enough for them to understand. Don't try to impress anyone with your knowledge. That won't help them learn)

⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (careful = anxious, worried – bad translation)

(God's plan will unfold by His timeframe, not by ours. Don't worry about it. Don't try to accelerate it. That was Judas' sin. It led to his death)

⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Knowing and doing God's Word brings us peace of mind and tranquility of spirit)

⁸Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (These things are the very essence of God's doctrine. Stay true to them. Be morally correct, not politically correct) 1Peter-3:10-14, Isaiah-43:26

⁹Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. (Don't just be a talker and a listener. Be a doer of God's Word)

¹⁰But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. (Paul was happy that they learned the scriptures from him and that they ran with it. They were doing and advancing God's Word in their daily lives)

(They sent Epaphroditus to help Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome. He was locked up for teaching the scriptures; not for having committed any crime)

¹¹Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. (Be happy and rejoice in the fruits of your good works. Even in prison, Paul was happy in doing his works for God)

¹²I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. (Paul had seen it all – good times and bad. Neither one stopped him from teaching humbly and truthfully)

¹³I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Paul knew where his strength and courage came from. If God is with you, no one can stand against you)

¹⁴Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. (Paul is thanking the Philippians for their loyalty through all of his troubles)

¹⁵Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. (They were the only church that helped Paul when he was in prison in Rome)

¹⁶For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. (They even helped Paul when he was in Thessalonica. Some of the Thessalonians wanted to kill Paul. Of course, they were the local religious community – ready to commit murder)

¹⁷Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. (Paul wanted to hear how well all the churches were doing. He wasn't looking for any gifts or personal credit)

¹⁸But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

¹⁹But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (God takes care of those who are true to Him)

²⁰Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

²¹Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you. (A farewell to Philippi from Paul, in Jesus' name)

²²All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household. (While in prison, Paul converted Caesar's household to Christianity. He never stopped teaching God's Word to whoever wanted to learn)

²³The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.