

Rejoice

Philippians 4:4-23

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I'll say it again – Rejoice!

Don't worry about anything. In every situation, give thanks, and present your requests to God. Then the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Fix your thoughts on whatever is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable – whatever is excellent or praiseworthy. Keep doing what you've learned from me, what you've heard or seen me doing; and the God of peace will be with you.

I am immensely grateful at your concern for me. But the fact is I'm never truly in need. I've learned to be content no matter what my circumstances – whether I'm well fed or hungry, whether I have a lot or next to nothing. I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength.

In the early days of your acquaintance with the good news, when I set out from Macedonia, you supplied considerable financial support for me. No one else did that! Then when I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once when I was in need. Don't get me wrong! I'm not asking you to send me a gift. What I want is for your generosity to be recognized and rewarded.

At the moment I have more than I need thanks to the gifts you sent with Epaphroditus. In response, all your needs will be met by God's glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To God our Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.