

The Secret to the Peace of God

Philippians 4:4-7

- I. Chapter 1: For living joyfully we need the right PERSPECTIVE.
- II. Chapter 2: For serving with joy we need the right PHILOSOPHY.
- III. Chapter 3: For sharing joy we need the right PURPOSE.
- IV. Chapter 4: For resting with joy we need the right POWER SOURCE.

A. The Exhortations you need to heed to experience the Peace of God: (4:4-6)

1. Rejoice in the Lord in all things and at all times (4:4)
 - a. The *meaning* of “rejoice” involves choosing to have a _____ in spite of circumstances.
 - b. The *reason* for this rejoicing is our position _____.
 - c. The *duration* of rejoicing is to be _____.
 - d. The *Importance* of this rejoicing can be seen by it being stated _____.
2. Be a good testimony, have your life be characterized by gentleness toward **ALL** people (4:5)
 - a. The means to doing this is _____, as an overflow of being filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - b. The recipients of our gentleness should be _____.
 - c. The reason why we should be gentle is because _____.
 - What does this mean?
 - What does this mean to me?
 - Personally
 - Publically
3. Negatively: Do not be anxious or worried for anything. (vs 6)
 - What can happen if we fail to trust God in our daily walk? (Matt. 6:25-34)

- The accepted time or place to be anxious is _____!

4. Positively: in everything let your requests be known to God (vs 6)

- a. When: Whether you are experiencing good things or bad things, in _____ you need to let God know your requests.
- b. How are you to do this?
 - i. Through _____ which is a conversation with God involving adoration and worship
 - ii. Through _____ which is making specific and intense entreaties for the needs of others and yourself.
 - iii. Through _____ which is displaying an attitude of gratitude by thanking a gracious giver.

B. The Result of heeding the exhortations (4:7)

1. The Peace OF God will guard your hearts and minds Through Christ Jesus. (4:7)
 - a. The nature or source of this peace is the _____ .
 - b. The extent of this peace: _____ ALL understanding.
 - c. The action of this peace: _____ your hearts and minds.
 - d. The power source of this peace: made possible through _____ .