

Don't War – Be Happy

Philippians 4

I. Stand Firm In Lord, 1

II. Be United In Lord, 2-3

III. Rejoice In Lord, 4

In Lord

(as v.1, 2, 4, 10)

- In computers
- In sales
- In education
- In Lord (Gal.3:27)

Rejoice in Lord (4) – Gal.5:22

1. Precept. Lk.24. Jn.3:16.
2. Privilege.
3. Preventive.

Joy does not yield to violent outbursts/grudges, but service.

Hard to fight when filled with joy.
2 Sm.6:16-23

Always

(four times in Philippians)

Not happiness (happenstance). 1 Sm.24-26

Not worldly pleasures. 'In the Lord'

Forced to attend? Ps.100:2

Fear motivates. Do just enough . . .

Favor of men / family. Gal.1:10

Faded love. Once thrilled at Word...

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Not worldly pleasures. 'In the Lord'

But spiritual blessings

¹God gave Son

⁴All circumstances

²In Christ

⁵Time and eternity

³All spiritual blessings

⁶Highest degree

Again I will say, rejoice!

Repetition is emphasis . . . an order.

Paul writes in chains – 1:7; Ep.6:20; Ac.28:20

Many things threaten our joy.

- ◆ Ro.11:33 Spiritual blessings are permanent;
- ◆ Ep.5:20 so is joy. Ac.16:19-25. Ph.1:30.
 - Some always take dark view.
 - Some think sympathy precludes joy.
 - Despondency is weakness; joy is strength. 1 K.19...

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IV. Gentleness /
Moderation, 5

Synonyms: yielding, gentle, kind,
courteous, tolerant, patient

Probably connected with **'yield'** . . .

Or with **'the equitable'** (what is fair, just...)

1. **Moderation.** “Nothing too much.” Modestia
2. **Sweet reasonableness.**
 - Lk.15 – father . . . older brother.
 - 2 Co.10:1
 - Ps.86:5
3. **Logically, connects with 'rejoice' (4)**
 - Joy itself makes us mild, gentle.

Known to all does NOT mean showing off

Contrast: Mt.6 – Mt.5:16

It may include...

- Encouraging words, Ph.1:3.
- Example to others, Ph.2:19-30.
- Example of Lord, Ph.2:5-11.

Known to all includes difficult people (2-3)

32 'But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same' – Lk.6

Lk.15:28-32, the other son...

Lord is at hand

He is near us in order to . . .

- Judge. Mt.18:20

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

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- **Encourage.** 2 Tim.4:17

“But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”

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- **Restrain.** Ph.4:5. Mt.28:20

“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”