



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord, that we have strength for all things. That we are ready for anything and equal to anything through You. Bless us and grant us favor and give us each peace, protect and keep each of us. Renew the dew of youth in us, that we mount up like eagles and soar. Protect us each so that we do not dash our foot. Any plan or weapon formed against us Lord, will fail and not prevail and I ask that You just take care of it and everything, if there is anything we need to know tell us, but take care of it my Lord, in Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

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## Scripture **Philippians 4 (KJV; 2005)**

### Philippians 4:1-23 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved.
- <sup>2</sup>I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.
- <sup>3</sup>And 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.
- <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice.
- <sup>5</sup>Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.
- <sup>6</sup>Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- <sup>8</sup>Finally, 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.
- <sup>9</sup>Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
- <sup>10</sup>But 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.
- <sup>11</sup>Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.
- <sup>12</sup>I 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.
- <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- <sup>14</sup>Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.
- <sup>15</sup>Now 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.
- <sup>16</sup>For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
- <sup>17</sup>Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.
- <sup>18</sup>But 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.

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<sup>19</sup> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.

<sup>22</sup> All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

Euodia and Syntyche (vv.2-3). Two women leaders; they may have been deaconesses or socially prominent women whose homes were used as churches. They were allowing their personal differences to become an annoyance to the church. Rejoice, Rejoice (vv.4-7), Joy is the predominant note of this letter, written by a man in prison who during 30 years had been mobbed, beaten, stoned, and manhandled, enough to make the angels gasp. Yet he is overflowing with joy. The very things that would naturally tend to make him sour only added to his happiness. It is simply amazing what Christ can do in one's life. "The Lord is near" (v. 5): Paul had said, 10 years earlier, in 2 Thessalonians 2, that the Lord would not come until after the revolution (falling away, apostasy); but that apostasy was working fast in some of Paul's churches, and he never got his mind completely off the approaching and nearness of the Lord's coming. This was one of the secrets of his perennial joy. Another was his unceasing prayer with thanksgiving (v. 6). Gratitude to God for what He does give us will surely incline Him to grant that which we do not have. The coming of Epaphroditus (vv. 10-20). He had brought the gift of money from the church to Paul (v. 18). Paul was profoundly grateful, for as a prisoner he had no means of sustenance except what the prison allowed. The most beautiful and exquisitely delicate touch in this entire letter is in v. 17, where, in thanking them for the money, he tells them that he appreciated it, not so much because he needed it (though he did need it badly 2:25), but because it gave them a share in the rewards for his work that would be credited to their account. Because they supported him, his work was theirs. In the final day they would be rewarded for the multitudes of souls they had helped him to save. The lesson applies to our missionary offerings today. Each offering, by itself, does not amount to much. But even as the tiny raindrops that fall all over the central part of the North American continent make possible the torrent that rolls over Niagara Falls, so these offerings from hundreds of thousands of Christians all over the land together constitute the stream of funds that is supporting the noblest army of men and women the sun ever shone on, the vast army of foreign missionaries out on the far flung battle lines of the Cross, enduring hardships for Christ we would not think of enduring here at home. Those who, by their offerings to missions, make themselves a part of this mightiest movement of all the ages will, in the day of final reckoning, be entitled to share in its rewards.

Most of the early Christians were of the humble classes. Many of them were slaves. Some of the converts belonged to the emperor's household, whether as slaves or as freedmen, or even as persons of importance. They may have been members of the palace guard (1:13). Other people of high social standing include the treasurer of Ethiopia (Acts 8:27), Cornelius the centurion (Acts 10:1), a foster brother of Herod (Acts 13:1), the proconsul of Cyprus (Acts 13:12), prominent women of Thessalonica (Acts 17:4), Greek women of honorable estate in Berea (Acts 17:12), the city treasurer of Corinth (Romans 16:23), and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward (Luke 8:3). (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes, commentaries; pages 815-817)

Exodus 32:32; Psalm 69:28; Daniel 12:1; Luke 10:20; Revelation 20:12. The Christian should be temperate in his attitude towards material things, because these will be so unimportant in God's kingdom. "Careful" means anxious. The three steps to the peace of God are; be anxious for nothing; pray about everything; be thankful for all things. We should keep our minds on things that edify (Proverbs 23:7). Paul was glad that the Philippians had sent some support to him. The world is trying to make us discontented with our lives and our belongings. This is one of the key verses of the New Testament (v 13), along with John 15:5. The Philippian Church was the only one that supported Paul when he left Macedonia. Paul didn't thank the Philippians so that he'd receive another gift from them, but to let them know that they'd share in the heavenly reward for his ministry. Paul had no longing or hankering for anything material; he was content with what he had. God's resources are infinite, He has more than enough to supply all our needs. He doesn't always give us all our wants, because sometimes our wants aren't His will for us (Romans 8:32). (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes & commentaries; pages 117-118)

Have you ever thought it would be neat to be mentioned in the Bible? Imagine being known in God's Word, as Euodia and Syntyche are in Philippians 4:2, 3, for arguing! When you disagree with others, ask God to give you a gracious spirit and do all you can to resolve conflicts when they happen.

In Philippians 4:6 the apostle Paul teaches us how to solve our problems. He instructs us to pray "with thanksgiving" in every circumstance. The Lord taught the same principle to me this way: "why should I give you anything else, if you are not thankful for what you already have? Why should I give you something else to complain about?" If we cannot offer our current prayer requests from the foundation of a life that is currently filled with thanksgiving, our prayers may be hindered. The Word does not instruct us to pray with complaining; it says to pray with thanksgiving.

Do you ever think about what you are thinking about? If you are not careful, your thought life can lead you into problems. It is important to think before you act, and if you concentrate on things that are true, worthy of reverence and honorable, just, pure, lovely, kind and gracious, virtuous, and excellent (see [Philippians 4:8](#)), your actions will reflect God's character and heart. The Bible presents detailed instruction on what kinds of things we should think about. You can see from [Philippians 4:8](#) that we are instructed to think on good things, things that will build us up and not tear us down. Our thoughts certainly affect our attitudes and moods. Everything the Lord tells us is for our own good. He knows what makes us happy and what makes us miserable. When people are full of wrong thoughts, they are miserable, and I have learned from personal experience that miserable people usually end up making others miserable also. Take a personal inventory on a regular basis and ask yourself, "What have I been thinking about?" Spend some time examining your thought life. Thinking about what you are thinking about is very valuable because Satan usually deceives people into thinking that the source of their misery or trouble is something other than what it really is. He wants them to think they are unhappy due to what is going on around them (their circumstances), but the misery is actually due to what is going on *inside* them (their thoughts). For many years I really believed I was unhappy because of things others were doing or not doing. I blamed my misery on my husband and my children. I thought I would be happy if they were different, if they would be more attentive to my needs, if they would help around the house more. It was first one thing and then another for years. I finally faced the truth, which was that none of these things made me unhappy if I chose to have the right attitude. My thoughts were making me miserable. I urge you to *think about what you are thinking about*. When you change the things you allow your mind to dwell on, you are on your way to greater freedom, wholeness, and victory.

[Philippians 4:13](#) is frequently quoted, especially in its King James translation: "I can do all things..." I believe sometimes this verse is taken out of context. It does not mean that I can do anything I *want* to do, or that I can do anything someone else does. It means that I am able to do whatever God assigns me. In this context, the apostle Paul refers to the ability to be abased or to abound and to be content either way (see [Philippians 4:12](#)). He knew that whatever state he was in, it was God's will for him at that moment, and he also knew that God would strengthen him to do what He was calling him to do. Paul believed that even unpleasant things would ultimately work out for his good (see [Romans 8:28](#)). This understanding of [Philippians 4:13](#) helps me a great deal in my life to deal with difficulties and remain positive, and it helps me in my ministry. It teaches me to remain within the boundaries of what the Lord has called and equipped me to do and not try to undertake things that are not within my God-given talents and abilities to accomplish. This attitude takes pressure off of me and it will do the same for you. All of us have daily needs and wants. Do you realize that sometimes what you want might not be what you need? Thank God that He knows exactly what you need and He will be faithful to provide (see [Philippians 4:19](#)).

#### STUDY QUESTIONS FOR PHILIPPIANS:

1. What were the four things that Paul prayed for the Philippians in Philippians 1:9-11?
2. Read and meditate upon Philippians 2:6-8. We see that Jesus completely emptied Himself and was obedient unto death. What was the result? (See Philippians 2:9-11).
3. As Christians, what do we need to do in order to reach the goal that God has set for us? (See Philippians 3:13-14)
4. Sometimes it seems there is so much to worry about in our lives. What is the cure for worry found in Philippians 4:6-7?
5. What things should we be thinking about and meditating upon? (See Philippians 4:8)

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Pages 1957 -1960)

**Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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