

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 Sep 2021 .....Philippians 1:1-11..... Joy in Prayer
- 2) 12 Sep .....Philippians 1:12-30..... Joy in Adversity
- 3) 19 Sep .....Philippians 2:1-30..... Joy through Humility
- 4) 26 Sep .....Philippians 3:1-21..... Joy in Knowing Jesus
- 5) **03 Oct.....Philippians 4:1-9..... Joy through Peace**
- 6) 10 Oct .....Philippians 4:10-23..... Joy and Contentment
- 7) 17 Oct .....Colossians 1:1-23..... The Gospel's Power
- 8) 24 Oct .....Colossians 1:24-29 | 2:1-3..... The Gospel's Goal
- 9) 31 Oct .....Colossians 2:4-15..... The Gospel's Forgiveness
- 10) 07 Nov .....Colossians 2:16-23..... The Gospel's Freedom
- 11) 14 Nov .....Colossians 3:1-17..... The Gospel Lived
- 12) 21 Nov .....Colossians 3:18-25 | 4:1-6..... The Gospel and Relationships
- 13) 28 Nov .....Philemon 1:1-25..... Restoration

**INTRODUCTION**

- This chapter 4 is filled with classic passages, each requiring its own in depth study

Passage	Comments
Ph 4:1-3	<p><b>Church Squabbles – How Do We Fix Them?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Euodia &amp; Syntyche were at odds for some unknown reason, but it was significant enough to warrant Paul's attention while in prison</li> <li>• Paul asked someone (Suzugos, Greek for 'yoke-fellow') at the church to step in and help them</li> <li>• BUT meddling with strife that doesn't belong to you is like grabbing a dog by its ears ..... <a href="#">Prov 26:17</a> - It can be a losing situation for a good Samaritan</li> <li>• BUT we are called to peace, and church unity is a MUST, so a "wise" individual (such as an Elder) may need to step in and officiate ..... <a href="#">1Cor 6:1-7</a></li> </ul>
4:4-5	<p><b>People Are Attracted to Christ By Our Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice!                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Paul uses REJOICE 29x in 6 of his epistles. 8x here in this book. Do you think he was serious?</li> <li>♦ If we were to rejoice more, do you think people would be interested in hearing about our faith?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v5. Paul also says let your reasonableness (ESV), moderation (KJV), gentleness (NIV &amp; NASB), graciousness (HCSB) be known to ALL MEN!                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ IOW, let your light shine in such a way everyone sees your good works and then they glorify God .... <a href="#">Mat 5:16</a></li> <li>♦ BUT, do not do this for show, else you have no reward (How do we balance this?) ..... <a href="#">Mat 6:1</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:6-7	<p><b>Be Anxious for Nothing – Instead, Pray</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even pray for the obvious ..... <a href="#">Zech 10:1</a></li> <li>• Numerous times in the Bible we are told not to be anxious (or to be fearful), whether someone has died (e.g., Lazarus, Jairus' daughter), or in peril (e.g., disciples in a boat during a storm), or for any reason. In short, God is our deliverer</li> <li>• And cast all your concerns or worries on God, for He cares for you ..... <a href="#">1Peter 5:7</a></li> </ul>
More on Anxiety, Worry and Fear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad <u>Anxiety/Worry/Fear</u> causes several problems                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ruins health ..... <a href="#">Prov 3:7,8; 12:25;14:30; 17:22</a></li> <li>2. Paralyzes activity ..... <a href="#">John 20:19</a></li> <li>3. Tarnishes testimony ..... <a href="#">Luke 21:34</a></li> <li>4. Accomplishes nothing ..... <a href="#">Luke 12:25,26</a></li> <li>5. Stagnates spiritual growth ..... <a href="#">Mark 4:19</a></li> </ol> </li> <li>• Godly <u>Worry/Fear</u> has positive side affects                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. God is merciful to and answers the prayers of those who fear Him ..... <a href="#">Luke 1:50; John 9:31</a></li> <li>2. Being concerned or worried about the things of the Lord is OK ..... <a href="#">1Cor 7:32</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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	<p>3. Church members should be concerned or worried about one another ..... <a href="#">1Cor 12:25</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no positive examples of <u>ANXIETY</u> in either the Old or New Testaments</li> </ul>
4:8-9	<p><b>The Christian Life is a Disciplined Life</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v8. We often have to begin our Christian walk by recalibrating our mind – Think happy thoughts</li> <li>• v9. Paul again stresses the need to obey &amp; follow him (as he follows Christ) ..... <a href="#">Phil 3:17; 1Cor 11:1</a> - The result: The God of peace will be with us</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- Let us be like the Philippians to peacefully resolve our squabbles, let our godly light shine to all, pray for everything, avoid anxiety, think happy thoughts, and be generous – and that is just the beginning!

**NEXT WEEK: Phil 4:10-23.** Mission giving reaps dividends throughout eternity.

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES:**

- [Pr 3:7-8.](#) Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.
- [Pr 12:25.](#) Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad.
- [Pr 14:30.](#) A tranquil heart is life to the body, but passion is rotteness to the bones.
- [Pr 17:22.](#) A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.
- [Pr 26:17.](#) [Like] one who takes a dog by the ears Is he who passes by [and] meddles with strife not belonging to him.
- [Zech 10:1.](#) Ask rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain.
- [Mt 5:16.](#) Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- [Mt 6:1.](#) Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.
- [Mr 4:19.](#) ...but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
- [Lu 1:50.](#) ...His mercy is upon generation after generation toward those who fear Him.
- [Lu 12:25-26.](#) ...who by worrying can add a [single] hour to his life's span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?
- [Lu 21:34.](#) Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap
- [Joh 9:31.](#) We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.
- [Joh 20:19.](#) So when it was evening on that day, the first [day] of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and \*said to them, "Peace [be] with you."
- [1Co 7:32.](#) But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord
- [1Co 11:1.](#) Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.
- [1Co 12:25.](#) ...so that there may be no division in the body, but [that] the members may have the same care for one another.
- [Php 3:17.](#) Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.
- [1Pet 5:7.](#) ...casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

