

Philippians Study Guide - Philippians 4 (NIV)

Background: Although Paul is writing from house arrest in a private residence, he was chained night and day to a Roman soldier. As discussed in **Philippians 1**, the church of Philippi has “supplied” for Paul’s need (by funds to cover his expenses) so that the cause of Christ would be able to “progress”.

In **Philippians 2**, Paul outlined the humiliation and exaltation of Jesus Christ, relating that with our own earthly walks as His disciples & discussed the role of Timothy & Epaproaditus within the cause of Christ.

In **Philippians 3**, Paul reiterated the Source of our joy in the midst of uncomfortable circumstances. In the first part of this chapter, Paul contrasted the futility of man’s righteousness versus the sufficiency of God’s righteousness. In the chapter’s latter portion, Paul invited his readers to follow his example of living above their circumstances in view of the prize set before them - being with our Lord Christ Jesus in heaven.

Philippians 4 will conclude Paul’s letter to the church of Philippi. He will share with them that their service is a testament of his faithfulness to the Lord and will be a “crown” that he will lay at Jesus’ feet. He reminds them of the need for unity among believers, addresses some possible threats to Christian unity within the Philippian church, reminds them to keep their eyes on what they know is true in the Lord versus the world and conclude with final greeting and blessings.

Day 1 (verses 1-3)

Verse 1:

- Therefore, my brothers and _____, you whom I love and _____ for, my joy and _____,
- stand _____ in the Lord in this way, dear _____!
- Write out the following Scriptures:
- **Matthew 6:19-21** _____

• **Revelation 4:10-11)** _____

Verse 2:

- I _____ with Euodia and I plead with _____ to be of the same _____ in the Lord.
- Write out **Philippians 2:5-11**

Verse 3:

- Yes, and I ask you, my _____ companion, _____ these women
- Paul asks his true companion in the church to help these women since they have _____ at my side in the _____ of the gospel,
- These two women contended at Paul’s side in the cause of the gospel along with _____ and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the _____ of life.

Question:

- Why does Paul ask the church to help these two women to mend their difference? _____.

Day 2 (verses 4-9)

Verse 4-5:

- Rejoice in the Lord _____. I will say it again: _____!
- **Question:** how often should we rejoice in the Lord? _____

Verse 5:

- Let your _____ be evident to _____.
- The Lord is _____.

Question:

- How many people should our “gentleness” be evident to? _____

Verse 6:

- Do _____ be anxious about _____,
- but in _____ situation, by prayer and _____, with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God.

Questions:

- What are we to be anxious about in this life? _____.
- Instead of being anxious, what does Paul encourage us to do?

Verse 7:

- And the _____ of God, which transcends _____ understanding, will _____ your hearts and your minds ____ Christ Jesus.
- **Questions:**
- What type of peace will we have when we present our situations to God through prayer and petition with thanksgiving? _____
- How is the peace of God described in **Philippians 4:7?** _____

Verse 8:

- Finally, brothers and sisters, _____ is true, whatever is _____, whatever is right, whatever is _____, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if _____ is excellent or praiseworthy—think about _____ things.

Verse 9:

- Whatever you have _____ or received or heard from me, or seen in _____—put it into practice.
- And the God of _____ will be with you to _____ on these things:

Day 3 (verses 10-13)

Verse 10:

- I rejoiced _____ in the Lord that at last you renewed your _____ for me.
- Indeed, you were concerned, but you had _____ opportunity to show it.

Verse 11:

- I am _____ saying this because I am in _____,
- for I have _____ to be content whatever the _____.

Verse 12:

- I know _____ it is to be in need, and I know what it is to _____ plenty.
- I have learned the _____ of being content in any and _____ situation, whether well fed or _____, whether living in plenty or _____ want.

- Write **1 Timothy 6:6:**

Verse 13:

- I can do _____ this through him who _____ me strength.
- **Question:** Through Whose strength can we do all things? _____

- Write **2 Corinthians 12:9:**

Day 4 (verses 14-20)

Verse 14:

- Yet it was good of you to _____ in my troubles.

Verse 15:

- Moreover, as you _____ know, in the early days of your _____ with the gospel, when I set _____ from Macedonia, not one _____ shared with me in the matter of _____ and receiving, except you _____;
- **Question:** what did the Philippian church do for Paul that no other church did for him?

Verse 16:

- for even when I was in _____, you sent me aid _____ than once when I was in need.
- **Questions:**
- Did the Philippian church support Paul just when he was physically with him? _____
- Where else was he when they supported him? _____

Verse 17:

- Not that I _____ your gifts; what I desire is that more be _____ to your account.
- **Question:** what do you think that Paul means by he desires “that more be credited to your account” I? (Remember **Matthew 6:19-21 that you wrote out on Day 1**)

Verse 18:

- I have _____ full payment and have more than _____.
- I am amply _____,
- now that I have received from _____ the gifts you sent.
- They are a _____, an acceptable sacrifice, _____ to God.
- Write out **Philippians 2:25:**

Verse 19:

- And my God _____ I meet all your _____ according to the _____ of his glory in Christ _____.
- **Question:** how will God meet all of their needs?

Verse 20:

- To _____ God and Father be glory for ever and _____. Amen.

Day 5 (verses 21-23)

Verse 21:

- _____ all God's people in _____ Jesus.
- The _____ and sisters who are with me _____ greetings.
- **Question:** How are we to greet all God's people? _____

Verse 22:

- All _____ people here send you _____, especially those who belong to _____ household.
- **Question:** what are your thoughts about Paul saying that Caesar's household greets them? Isn't Caesar Roman? Isn't Paul imprisoned? What do you think this means?

Verse 23:

- The _____ of the Lord _____ Christ be with your spirit. _____