

## **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 & Epaphroditus 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** \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Revelation 4:10-11)** \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Verse 2:**

- I \_\_\_\_\_ with Euodia and I plead with \_\_\_\_\_ to be of the same \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.

- Write out **Philippians 2:5-11**

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#### **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?  
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### **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:**

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#### **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:**

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#### **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?  
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##### **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**)  
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##### **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:**  
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##### **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?  
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##### **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?  
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#### **Verse 23:**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Christ be with your spirit. \_\_\_\_\_