

Philippians 4 Study Guide

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures this week are in the NIV (New International Version). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words.

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)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Philippians 4: 1-3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

4 **1** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! **2** I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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 **Matthew 6:19-21** _____
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Questions:

- According to **Matthew 6:20**, what benefit is it to store our “treasures” in heaven?
_____.
 - According to **Matthew 6:21**, what does the location of where we store our “treasures” at tell us about ourselves? _____.
 - Write out **Revelation 4:10-11** _____
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Questions:

- According to **Revelation 4:10**, where will we lay our “crowns” down?
_____.
- According to **Revelation 4:11**, why would we lay them down before the throne of our Lord God?
_____.

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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Questions:

- According to **Philippians 2:5-11**, what mindset or “nature” should Euodia and Syntyche have or imitate?
_____.

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)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Philippians 4: 4-9** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **5** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **8** Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Philippians 4: 10-13** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. **11** I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. **12** I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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**:

- **Question:** According to **1 Timothy 6:6**, what is great gain to us? _____

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**:

Questions:

- According to **2 Corinthians 12:9**, what does Paul say that he will boast all the more gladly about?
_____.
- Why would he do that? (**Hint:** answer at end of **verse 9**) _____

Day 4 (verses 14-20)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Philippians 4: 14-20** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. **15** Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; **16** for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. **17** Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. **18** I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. **19** And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. **20** To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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:**

Question: According to **Philippians 2:25**, who took care of Paul’s needs? _____.

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)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Philippians 4: 21-23** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

21 Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings.

22 All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen

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. _____

Notes/Questions about Philippians