**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS**

Philippians 4:1-23 (Key verse 4)

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

1. How did Paul reveal his affection for the Philippians? (1a) What did Paul strongly encourage them to do? (1b) In what ways did Paul try to reconcile Euodia and Syntyche? (2-3) Why do you think Paul valued them so highly?
2. What did Paul urge the Philippians to do? (4) How is joy characterized in Paul’s personal life. (1;10;17-18;2:2[[1]](#footnote-1)) Why did Paul encourage the Philippians to rejoice repeatedly? (3:1[[2]](#footnote-2)) What should be evident to all in a Christian’s character, and why? (5; Col 3:12[[3]](#footnote-3))
3. What did Paul urge the Philippians not to do? (6a) What should we do when we become anxious? (6b) What blessing comes to those who present their requests to God? (7) What did Paul further urge the Philippians to do, and why? (8; Pr 4:23[[4]](#footnote-4); Ro 8:5[[5]](#footnote-5);7) What did Paul emphasize that they should practice? (9) From here, what do you learn about how one can truly have joy?
4. How did Paul respond to the Philippians’ renewed concern for him, and why? (10-11) What was the secret of Paul’s contentment? (12-13) How did Paul express his appreciation for the service of the Philippians? (14-16) What was his real desire? (17) How did Paul consider their gift ,and how did he bless them? (18-20) What were Paul’s final greetings? (21-23)

1. **Philippians 2:2** - then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Philippians 3:1** - Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Colossians 3:12** - Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Proverbs 4:23** - Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Romans 8:5** - Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires [↑](#footnote-ref-5)