

15. If you give generously to those in need and this causes you to be in need, then God will make up the difference. He will provide everything you need, 4:19.
16. Whether we have everything we need and more or not, we should praise God regardless, 4:11-20.
17. As God's family, we're supposed to be close...like family, 4:22-23.

## Philippians 4 Summarized

### Sentences

4:2-3, I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life.

4:4-5, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

4:6-7, be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:8, finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things.

4:9, the things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

4:10, but I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

4:11-13, not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

4:14, nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.

4:15-16, now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent *aid* once and again for my necessities.

4:17-18, not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things *sent* from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

4:19, and my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

4: 20, now to our God and Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Philippians Chapter 4

4:21-22, greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

4:23, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

### Paragraphs

4:2-7, Paul urges Euodia and Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord, i.e., to live every moment with Jesus, especially now that they're fighting. And he encourages another brother to help them get along like sisters who've labored together in the Gospel should. If they live every moment with Jesus, instead of fighting, they'll rejoice together and treat each other with kindness knowing that the Lord is right there with them. And instead of being anxious, they'll take that anxiety to God knowing that His inexplicable peace will overpower their anxiety, thus protecting their hearts and minds precisely because they're living every moment with Jesus.

4:8-9, Paul also urges the rest of the Philippians to live every moment with Jesus, i.e., to think exactly like Him. Thus, no matter the conflict, no matter the situation, their thoughts should always be noble, pure, and praiseworthy. That is, they should live exactly the way Paul showed them. If they do, then the God of peace will be with them.

4:10-13, Paul mentions a moment when he and they lived with Jesus, i.e., when the Philippians sent him financial aid, he was ecstatic, not because they sent him money, for Paul has learned through the best and worst of times to be content no matter what. He's 100% sure that he can do all things through Christ who strengthens him.

4:14-20, nevertheless, Paul commends their financial aid. In fact, when Paul left Macedonia and started spreading the Goodnews about Christ, only the Philippians supported him, even sending money twice when he was in Thessalonica. But again, Paul's not interested in the money. What he loves is the abundance that the Philippians will receive from the Lord because they're living every moment with Him. In fact, Paul has more than he needs now that the Philippians have sent him such an abundant gift, a gift which made God smile. So Paul returns the favor by reminding them that it is God who supplies us all from His abundance, therefore, we should praise Him forever.

4:21-23, Paul asks them to greet everyone in the church, a church who is now living every moment with Jesus Christ. He also sends greetings from the brothers and sisters who are with him. He closes the letter by asking the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to be with them.

### Whole Chapter

*[The key to life is to live every moment with Jesus Christ. When you do everything changes: you look at suffering and success differently and you're willing to die for others as Jesus did. In short, your identity changes: you become Christ-like. You know that He's in you and you're in Him and that this oneness will one day be permanent, therefore]* if Euodia and Syntyche and the rest of the Philippians live every moment with Jesus, then instead of fighting, they'll treat each other as loving brothers and sisters should. Their anxiety will be replaced by God's inexplicable peace which will protect them from any mental or emotional harm. They will think and act like Jesus and be surrounded by the God of peace as Jesus was. The Philippians are familiar with this: they gave of themselves financially many times to help Paul. So Paul reminds them of the reality of what it's like to live with Jesus: God provides everything you need, always. Therefore, whether you have it all or nothing, you'll be able to do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Let us therefore glorify our God and Father forever!