

**Part 25 – Philippians 4:4-9 – Stand Firm in The Lord**  
**Third Key – Rejoicing IN THE LORD**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

1 Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.

3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Philippians 3:2-21**

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, **but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,**

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; **but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,**

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 **Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this ATTITUDE;** and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

16 however, **let us keep living by that SAME STANDARD** to which **we** have attained.

**17 Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according TO THE PATTERN you have in US.**

**18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,**

**19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.**

**20 For OUR citizenship is in heaven, from which also WE eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;**

**21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.**

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**Philippians 4:2-3** I **urge** Euodia and I **urge** Syntyche **to live in harmony in the Lord.**

3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also **to help** these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

**4 Rejoice IN THE LORD** always; again I will say, **rejoice!**

*The figure of speech used here giving emphasis to this verse is:*

**Anadiplosis** - The term is a Greek word, which means "to reduplicate." It refers to the repetition of a word or words in successive clauses in such a way that the second clause starts with the same word which marks the end of the previous clause.

<http://www.cqod.com/BDC/FSUB/FSUB0378.html>

<https://literarydevices.net/anadiplosis/>

<http://www.thegrovebiblefellowship.com/index.html>

## LEXICON SCREENSHOT:

PHL 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Prev Book	Prev Chapter	Prev Verse	Next Verse	Next Chapter	Next Book		Translation		
Nestles Text	Word/Num	5463	1	pres	act	imp	2p	---verb	to rejoice
ev	1722	2							in
kurios	2962	3	mas	----	dat	s	noun---		Lord
pavtote	3842	4	----	adv	---	--	-----		always
paliw	3825	5	----	adv	---	--	-----		again
rew	4483	6	fut	act	imp	1s	---	verb	to say
cairw	5463	7	pres	act	imp	2p	---	verb	to rejoice

**Acts 17:11** Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.**

So this term used here in 4:4 **"in the Lord"** is used 8 times here in Philippians:

Philippians 1:14 brethren, trusting **in the Lord**

Philippians 2:19 But I hope **in the Lord Jesus**

Philippians 2:24 I trust **in the Lord**

Philippians 2:29 Receive him then **in the Lord** with all joy

Philippians 3:1 rejoice **in the Lord.**

Philippians 4:1 in this way stand firm **in the Lord**

Philippians 4:2 live in harmony **in the Lord**

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice **in the Lord** always; again I will say, rejoice!

Philippians 4:10 But I rejoiced **in the Lord** greatly

Are you all getting the message of where our focus has to be? **IN & ON THE LORD!**

**Matthew 25:40** The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it **to one of these brothers of Mine**, even the least of them, **you did it to Me.**'

**Philippians 4:5** Let your **gentle spirit** be known to all men. **The Lord is near.**

**1 Timothy 3:3** not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but **gentle, peaceable**, free from the love of money.

**Philippians 4:5** Let your gentle spirit **be known** (*imperative-command*) **to all men. The Lord is near.**

*"Be known to all men", BDAG says this: "Be known" = to be aware of someth[ing], perceive, notice, realize" (BDAG)*

**Matthew 24:36** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

**Philippians 4:6** Be anxious **for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known** (*imperative-command*) **to God**.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all **comprehension**, will guard your **hearts** and your **minds** in Christ Jesus.

**"Comprehension"** = "mind", the faculty of intellectual perception . . . understanding, mind as faculty of thinking . . . Here: Phil 4:7 = 'which surpasses all power of thought.'  
 "(BDAG)

**"Hearts"** "represents the "seat of physical, spiritual and mental life, fig[urative] extension of 'heart' as an organ of the body . . . as center and source of the whole inner life, w[ith] its thinking, feeling, and volition" (BDAG)

**"Minds"** entails "that which one has in mind as product of intellectual process, thought (BDAG).

## 8 **Finally**,.....

"as far as the rest is concerned, beyond that, in addition, finally" (BDAG,)

("to give careful thought to a matter, think [about], consider, ponder, let one's mind dwell on" BDAG)

.....brethren, *(from verse 1)*.... whatever is **true**,

"True" = "*pert[aining] to be in accordance with fact, true*" (BDAG)

whatever is **honorable**,

"Honourable" = "of characteristics, states of being, and things honorable, worthy, venerable, holy, above reproach" (BDAG)

whatever is **right**,

"Right" = "*obligatory in view of certain requirements of justice, right, fair, equitable*" (BDAG)

whatever is **pure**,

"Pure" = "*everything that is pure*" (BDAG)

whatever is **lovely**,

"Lovely" = "*pert[aining] to causing pleasure, or delight, pleasing, agreeable, lovely, amiable*" (BDAG)

whatever is of **good repute**,

"Good repute" = "*praiseworthy, commendable*" (BDAG)

**IF** there is any **excellence**

*"Excellence" = "uncommon character worthy of praise, excellence of character, exceptional civic virtue" (BDAG)*

..... and **IF** anything worthy of praise, **DWELL** on these things.

*"Dwell on" = "to give careful thought to a matter, think [about], consider, ponder, let one's mind dwell on" (BDAG)*

9 The things you have **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **seen** in me, **practice these things**, and the **God of peace will be with you.**