

PERSONAL PEACE

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Philippians 4:1-9

Peace I leave with you; **my peace** I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27 NIV84)

Four keys to finding peace in a troubled world:

I. _____ in God's character.

Philippians 4:1 (NIV84) Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

A. **Accept God's** _____ **for you.**
Jeremiah 29:11

B. **Believe God's** _____ **for you.**
Romans 8:37

C. **Consider God's** _____ **to you.**
Romans 8:28 (NIV84) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Do you know God well enough to _____ him?

II. _____ with other believers.

Philippians 4:2-3 (NIV84) I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord.

3 Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow [*Syzvqous*], help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

A. **Disunity is** _____.
Luke 11:17 (NIV84) ...a house divided against itself will fall.

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV84) Make every effort to live in peace with all men...

Are there believers you _____ get along with?

III. _____ to be joyful!

Philippians 4:4-5 (NIV84) Rejoice in the Lord **always**. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your **gentleness** be evident to **all**. The Lord is near.

A. Joy comes from _____!

Romans 15:13 NIV84 May the God of hope **fill you with all joy** and **peace** as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. Antidote for worry: Joyful, believing _____.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV84) Do not be anxious about **anything**, but in **everything**, 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.

Looking for peace? Have you tried _____?

IV. _____ your mind.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV84) Finally, brothers, 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.

A. Take every thought _____ UUU _.

2Corinthians 10:5 (NIV84) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

B. Just "_____" it!

Philippians 4:9 (NIV84) 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**.

Philippians 4:9b (KJV) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do: and the God of peace shall be with you**.

What is one thing you can _____ from this message?