

The Secret

Philippians, Chapter 4

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4:4 “Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!”

Our joy is directly connected to God’s _____.

4:6 “Don’t worry about _____; instead, pray about _____.”

“God is the source of all life. . .” Num. 16:32 (GN)

God is my source:

- Source of Wisdom (Prov. 4:11)
- Source of Strength (Ps. 20:7)
- Source of Happiness (Ps. 43:4)
- Source of Hope (Rom. 15:13)
- Source of Peace (Rom. 15:33)
- Source of Patience (Gal. 5:22)
- Source of Salvation (Heb. 5:9)
- Source of Encouragement (Rom. 15:5)

“...Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers...”
(MSG)

4:7 “Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Prayer leads to _____.

“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!” Isa 26:3

4:8 “And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

“Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.” ~ Unknown

4:12-13 “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. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.” (TNIV)

Contentment is _____.

3 Ways to Learn Contentment:

1. Develop an attitude of _____.

“Don’t always be wishing for what you don’t have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich you are.”
Luke 12:15 (LB)

2. Put your trust in _____ – not in _____.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” Heb 13:5

3. Live with _____ in view.

“Above all live as citizens of heaven.” Phil 1:27 (NLT)

Philippians Challenge: Do I have a _____ perspective?