

PHILIPPIANS
Final Lessons for the Sheep
Lesson 5
Chapter 4

Lesson 4 Review: Watch out for false theology! Focus on Jesus, forgetting the past and striving for the future. Live our lives as “citizens” in heaven, demonstrating our “Christlikeness” to all around us.

Practical Counsel

4 So then, my brothers, you are dearly loved and longed for—my joy and crown. In this manner stand firm in the Lord, dear friends.

stand firm – endure, stick with it, never give up! Live like Christ!

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I also ask you, true partner, to help these women who have contended for the gospel at my side, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the book of life.

Called out by name! auto phroneo - _____

A major theme of this letter has been _____. Notice “in the Lord” True Partner? (Syzygus)

Partners in the Gospel!

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

We are commanded to _____! When?

Graciousness, _____, gentle forbearance with others.

How to we/you handle anxiety? (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

⁸ Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—dwell on these things. ⁹ Do what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Underline the 6 whatever's and 2 ifs. Dwell/_____ on these things

vs 9 command? _____ Result _____ of God

Appreciation of Support

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that once again you renewed your care for me. You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹² I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. ¹³ I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Prosperity Theology vs Poverty Theology vs Pauline Theology

Circumstance vs Contentment

Notice! Paul _____ to be content in “all things” through “HIM”

¹⁴ Still, you did well by sharing with me in my hardship. ¹⁵ And you Philippians know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent gifts for my need several times.

True Partnership! The Philippians supported Paul with _____!

¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit^[G] that is increasing to your account. ¹⁸ But I have received everything in full, and I have an abundance. I am fully supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you provided—a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

The “fruit” of giving _____ / _____ Phil 1:11

Alistar Begg: IRA's are good. I _____ E _____ A _____ better!
“What's in it?” “When did you make your last deposit?”

Fragrant offering/acceptable sacrifice i.e. sacrificial giving pleases God.

“We give because we are saved, not in order to be saved.” CCE p. 196

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greed vs Need When thinking about God's promises – Praise Him!!

Final Greetings

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. Those brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, but especially those from Caesar's household. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.¹

v. 1:1 Even in Caesar's _____, Christ _____.

Paul's Circumstances:

1 Cor 4:12 - ¹² we labor, working with our own hands. When we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it;

2 Cor 6: 4&5 - ⁴ But as God's ministers, we commend ourselves in everything: by great endurance, by afflictions, by hardship, by difficulties, ⁵ by beatings, by imprisonments, by riots, by labors, by sleepless nights, by times of hunger,

2 Cor 11: 25-27 - ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods by the Romans. Once I was stoned by my enemies. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. ²⁶ On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the open country, dangers on the sea, and dangers among false brothers; ²⁷ labor and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and lacking clothing.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PHILIPPIANS

1. Paul and the Philippians loved and supported each other, they were "partners" in the Gospel.
2. The Church achieves Unity by being "likeminded", but especially being "Christminded"
3. Jesus is All God – All man, All the time!
4. Jesus "humbled/gave up" himself to become one of us.
5. God exalted Jesus to highest level, gave him a new "NAME"
6. Paul encourages us to be role models for others (as we use Jesus, Paul, Timothy, etc. as role models)
7. Paul commanded "us" to Rejoice/Be Content in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.
8. The Philippians supported Paul (i.e. the Gospel) with their sacrificial financial offerings.