

NOTES



IT MATTERS:
BECAUSE OTHERS ARE WATCHING
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Philippians 4:4-9

vs. 4,5 ***“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.”***

1. Be **Grateful** - Rejoice in the Lord

2. Be **Gentle** - The Lord is near

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” **James 4:6**

3. Don't be **Anxious** but **Pray**

vs. 6 ***“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 comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” **Matthew 6:34**

Question: What are you worried/anxious about?

Don't **Borrow** Worry.

PRAYING *“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”* **Matthew 6:5-8**

“This, then, is how you should pray:

‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Matthew 6:9-15

FASTING *“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Matthew 6:16-18

vs. 6 **“with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”**

4. Be Thankful.

Question: What are you thankful for?

5. THEN - The Peace of God which is greater than our ability to understand will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

“Thanksgiving activates peace, but trust in who God says he is fuels thanksgiving.” ~Priscilla Shirer

vs.8 *“Finally, brothers and sisters, 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.”*

True/Trustworthy –
Noble/High Moral Principles –
Right/Choosing the Right –
Pure/Clean and not harmful in any way –
Lovely/Respectable –
Admirable/Honorable –

*“For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.” **Proverbs 2:6-9***

vs. 9 *“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.”*

What have others learned, received, heard or seen in you?

Learned -
Received -
Heard -
Seen -

Question: If any one followed me, would it lead them closer to Christ?

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Question: Who's watching?