

Choosing Peace Over Worry

Making a Choice to Rejoice

Philippians 4:1-9

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- Peace doesn't seek us out. We must seek peace and _____ peace.
- How can we choose peace over worry?

First, by becoming a _____ vs. 1-3

Second, by daily _____ in the Lord. vs. 4

- The book of Philippians is often referred to as the epistle of _____.
- From this little book of Philippians, I want to derive four simple principles concerning this matter of rejoicing.

Rejoicing has absolutely _____ to do with our circumstances. 1:13, 18

- Let me remind you that Paul was in _____ when he wrote this letter.
- Paul refused to allow outward circumstances to _____ him.
- *"...I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation."* **2 Corinthians 7:4**

Rejoicing in the Lord is a _____ of our will.
2:17, 4:4

- Paul was sitting in prison and made a choice to rejoice. It is all about the _____ that we choose to take on.
- *“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.”*
Psalms 5:11
- *“I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities.”* **Psalms 31:7**

Rejoicing in the Lord comes from maintaining
_____ priorities. 3:3

- Worshipping _____ was Paul's number one priority. This is why Paul could rejoice even in prison.
- Your _____ of God should be the bedrock foundation of your life. If it is, then you can rejoice no matter where you are or what situation you find yourself in.

Rejoicing in the Lord is a _____, not a
suggestion. 4:4

- If God has commanded us to rejoice, then certainly a rejoicing spirit can be a _____ for any person who knows Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
- Do you know Christ as your Savior? If so, you can make a choice to rejoice!