

Rejoice

Philippians 4:4-8 (ESV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, 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 understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

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1 Thessalonians 5:16 (ESV)

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God is Sovereign - Sovereignty reminds us that God reigns supreme. He is the blessed controller of ALL things!

Proverbs 21:30 (ESV)

No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the Lord.

1. God is Near

Philippians 4:5-6a (ESV)

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything.

Because God is near, we can Rejoice!

2. Communication Leads to Supernatural Peace

Philippians 4:6b-7 (ESV)

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It's not a peace from God – it is the *Peace OF God!*

3. Think About What You Think About

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Proverbs 4:23 (NCV)

Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.

John 15:4 (ESV)

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”

Your goal is not to know every detail of your future. Your goal is to hold onto the hand of the One who does and NEVER let go! Abide in Him!