

**NEVER GIVE UP THE CHRISTIAN WALK:**

**THE BASICS OF A CONTENT AND PEACE FILLED LIFE**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9**

## MAIN POINT #1 – REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Philippians 4:4

Luke 10:17 – 72 were sent out “...But rejoice that your names are recorded in Heaven.”

Isaiah 61:10 – Our Salvation is THE cause for rejoicing

*Let us seek to give assurance that our names are written in the book of life. Joy in God is of great consequence in the Christian life; and Christians need to be again and again called to it. It more than outweighs all causes for sorrow. – Matthew Henry*

## MAIN POINT #2 – PRAYERFUL RELIANCE ON THE LORD

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

Matthew 6:25-27 – Do not be anxious about anything!

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

## MAIN POINT #3 – OUR THOUGHT LIFE MATTERS

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **Philippians 4:8**

*Some people assume worry is the result of too much thinking. Actually, it's the result of too little thinking in the right direction. If you know who God is and understand His purposes, promises, and plans, it will help you not to worry.*

*Faith isn't psychological self-hypnosis or wishful thinking, but a reasoned response to revealed truth. When we in faith embrace Christ as our Lord and Savior, our minds are transformed.*

**- John MacArthur (Anxious for Nothing)**

Romans 12:1-2 – Do not be conformed to the world, be transformed, by the renewing of our minds.

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John 18:37-38 – Pilate questions Jesus, “What is Truth?”

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## MAIN POINT #4 – PRACTICE AND EMULATE GOOD CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

<sup>9</sup> As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. **Philippians 4:9**

**Ephesians 2:13-14** – We have been brought near to Him by the blood of Christ!

**Conclusion: Evidence for all of this in action: Philippians 4:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak from need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with little, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.