**Sermon Series:**

**HOW TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE**

*(a verse-by-verse study of Philippians)*

***Our Stability in Christ*** *(Part 2)*

**Philippians 4:5-9**

**I.** We Must Maintain An Attitude of ***Oneness***

**II.** We Must Maintain An Attitude of ***Joyfulness***

**III. We Must Maintain An Attitude of** *(v 5)*

The word translated ***“reasonableness”*** communicates the idea of gentleness, charitableness, or big-heartedness. It’s a word that refers to a non ***-*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*spirit.

**Romans 12:17-21**

In essence, Paul was saying don’t retaliate against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, leave that to the Lord - He’s coming soon, and He will make everything right!

**I Peter 2:18-23; James 1:20**

**IV. We Must Maintain An Attitude of** *(vv 6-7)*

The word translated ***‘anxious’*** is a word that literally means “to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in different directions.”

More than being a waste of time and energy, worry demonstrates a lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s care.

Worry is assuming responsibility for something that God never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us to have.

***Don’t about anything. Instead, about everything!***

Prayer is God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_ for our care, it is God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for our anxiety.

The immediate result of prayer is not the removal of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which has led to your anxiety and worry, the immediate result of prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

In **v 7,** Paul uses a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ metaphor in describing the defensive activity of God’s peace.

**V. We Must Maintain An Attitude Of** *(v 8)*

In this verse, Paul challenges his readers to carefully screen the kind of information that they put into their minds. That is, he challenges them to think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“The battle for the Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is a battle for the Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_.” ***(John Stott)***

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our thought life can never be overemphasized! ***(Proverbs 23:7)***

Because that’s true, Paul pleads with us to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in what we allow to enter our minds.

 **Galatians 6:8; Psalm 119:165; Proverbs 4:20**

Nothing will bring us down any faster than an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thought life.

**Conclusion:**

***The perfect peace of God is*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***to us when we faithfully maintain these 5 essential attitudes!***

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