

One book at a time.
One day at a time.



Simply Study: Philippians 4

Welcome to Simply Study!

Have you had enough of rushing through your Bible study time, trying to keep up with someone else's daily study schedule?

Have you ever finished a daily devotional and marveled at the fact that you barely read a verse of scripture?

Do you long to spend your quiet time soaking in one book of the Bible?

Me too!

Simply Word is a daily Bible study based in one book of the Bible. There's no rush, no scramble. Take as much time as you like to meander with God through one book of the Bible.

Simple pieces

- · Simply read Repeated readings will help you meditate on truths of God's word.
- Simply mark Let loose your creative side as you simply mark the daily scripture reading passage.
- · Simply answer Look back in the scripture to answer questions about the text.
- Simply reflect Consider what God is speaking to your heart and record your thoughts.
- Simply act Become a doer of the word as you decide how to apply what you have learned.
- Simply pray Pray to God about what He has placed on your heart during your study time.

Let's get started!



Focus deeply.
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Simply Reflect

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Today, please read Philippians 4:1-8.

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- 1. What is the first thing Paul reminds the Philippians to do in verse 1?
- 2. How do you need to stand firm in the Lord in your present situation?
- 3. What problem do you see in verses 2 and 3?
- 4. How does Paul ask the women to resolve their differences?
- 5. How do we "agree in the Lord"?
- 6. What command are we given in verse 4?
- 7. When are we to rejoice?
- 8. Why are we able to always rejoice in the Lord?
- 9. What are we to do instead of worrying (vs. 6)?

- 10. What is the result when we pray about everything (vs. 7)?
- 11. After we take everything to God in prayer and rejoice at how He will work in these situations, what are we to think about (vs. 8)?

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1. What were the Philippians to do (vs. 9)?

- 2. What have you learned, heard, or seen about God lately?
- 3. What will we gain if we are obedient to what God has taught us (vs. 9)?
- 4. Why does Paul rejoice (vs. 10)?
- 5. How important to others is our concern for them?
- 6. What important thing has Paul learned (vs. 11-12)?
- 7. Why can he be content no matter the circumstances (vs. 13)?
- 8. What can you do with Jesus?
- 9. What does Jesus give us to face our current challenges?
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1. What did the Philippians give to Paul? What did they receive (vs. 15 and 17)?

- 2. What is Paul most concerned about (vs. 17)?
- 3. What really causes Paul to be "filled" (vs. 18)?
- 4. Is it easy for the Philippians to give their gift to Paul? Give evidence for your answer.
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- 7. What belongs to God (vs. 20)?
- 8. How can we give God glory?
- 9. What key word is used 3 times in verses 21 and 22?
- 10. Who do you know someone who needs to be greeted with the love of Christ?
- 11. What do we need in our spirit (vs. 23)?
- 12. How would your life be different if you accepted the grace of Christ?

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