



Studies in Philippians: Bearing the Mark of Joy

Enjoying God's Provision
Philippians 4:6-19

Sermon Proposition

God Provides Everything You Need for Life.

**God Provides!
His Peace for Your Heart and Mind**

4:6-9

**God Provides!
His Strength for Every Situation**

4:10-13

**God Provides!
His Riches for All Your Needs**

4:14-19

Open It!

It was enroute to Mt. Moriah that Isaac observed that the sacrifice was missing from their supplies and asked his father, "Where's the lamb?" To which Abraham replied, "The LORD will provide." Share a time when the LORD made Himself known to you as your provider.

Read It!

Philippians 4:6-19

Consider It!

How can our thoughts rob us of joy and peace God (4:6)?

How do these promises and commands help you enjoy God's peace and freedom from anxiety (4:6-7)?

What grid does Paul give us for evaluating our thought life (4:8)?

What would it take to practice this kind of thinking (4:8-9)?

Where do people seek contentment?

What is Paul's divinely discovered secret to contentment (4:11-13)?

How had the Philippians helped Paul (4:14-18)?

What benefit do we receive as a church or personally because we partner with missionaries in the furtherance of the gospel (4:17-19)?

What encouragement do you experience from the promise of God's provision (4:19)?

What would it mean for you to trust God to provide for your needs?

What step will you take in trusting the LORD to Provide for your needs this week in light the commands and promises in God's Word

Live It!

Use your moments of worry and anxious thoughts as a call to prayer following the prescription of Philippians 4:6-7.

- Verbalize your anxious thoughts, cares or concerns
- Offer your Requests
- Give Thanks for God's Provision
- Leave it with Him because He's got this.

Practice thinking thoughts that are authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind, worthy of praise.

Examine your Giving. Consider being part of God's provision for the ministry of the church and a missionary.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Teach me the secret of contentment. I need to learn how to be satisfied with what I have, whether I have much or little. I need to learn the difference between needs and wants. I have so much, but often feel like I have so little. Today I chose to depend on Jesus for every need. I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need. You are my provider. You take care of me and supply all my needs according to Your glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. May my trust and obedience bring glory to your name, forever and ever. Amen.