



Session 31: A Better Brand of Happiness

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Philippians 4:5

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Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Verses 4-9, grammatically, are structured around a series of

_____.

There are six _____ in these verses:

“_____” (2x) in verse 4.

“Be _____” in verse 5.

“Be _____” in verse 6a.

“..._____” in verse 6b.

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“_____” in verse 8.

“put into _____” in verse 9.

Two of those imperatives are _____ together: “Do not be anxious... but... present your requests to God” (v. 6).

I interpret the command in verse 4, “rejoice in the Lord” to be the _____ idea in this paragraph.

The _____ command—the first and controlling one—is to “rejoice in the Lord” (v. 4).

This has been a repeated _____ in the entire book of Philippians.

My big idea for this paragraph sees everything in verses 5-9 as an _____ of “rejoicing in the Lord.”

In other words, verses 5-9 describe in concrete _____ what your life will look like when you “rejoice in the Lord.”

The _____ command is to “Let your gentleness be evident to all.”

Gentleness : “not _____ on every right of letter of law or custom, yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant...”¹

The command itself is translated “be _____” in the NIV.

The _____ of our gentle treatment is “all.”

The _____ for our gentleness is “the Lord is near.”

BIG IDEA: A better brand of happiness calls us to rejoice in the Lord and show it by our _____ toward others.

¹ William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 371.