

# REASONS TO REJOICE!

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*“Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice!”  
(Philippians 4:4)*

# How To Greet Every Predicament (1-4)

- *Can we really rejoice “always?”*
- *For Paul, the key is “in the Lord”:*
  - *“Stand fast in the Lord” (1).*
  - *“Be of the same mind in the Lord” (2).*
  - *“Rejoice in the Lord” (4).*
- *Yet, we still ask, how?*

# How To Treat Every Person (5)

- *If not predicaments, it's people!*
- *"Let your moderation be known to all."*
- *This means "forbearing spirit," "sweet reasonableness," "patient understanding."*
- *Paul viewed the Philippians as his "joy and crown."*

# How To Meet Every Problem (6-7)

- *“Be careful (anxious) for nothing.”*
- *This does not mean being “careless”; rather:*
  - *Prayer, reverence for God, our Father*
  - *Supplication, revealing our deepest needs and desires*
  - *Thanksgiving, remembering the constant goodness of God*
- *We must do everything we can, then leave the rest to the trusting hands of Almighty God.*

*If we follow Paul's inspired model for dealing with predicaments, people, and problems, we are assured of this superb promise:*

*"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (7).*

***Rejoice!***