



THE JOY OF HARMONY

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- **Read Philippians 4:1 – 5 (The Passion Translation (TPT))**
- Paul encourages the Philippians to stand fast in _____, _____, and moderation (gentleness), _____ always. Paul has experienced tremendous suffering caused both by _____ choices and _____ for the gospel's sake. Despite all he has suffered, he has learned to experience a deeply abiding _____ and _____, while keeping his heart and mind through Christ Jesus.
- Notice how dear the Philippian Church was to him. He mentioned the word _____ twice in verse 1.
- Note the “**Crown**” in verse 1. There are “**5 Crowns**” that in the NT and they are indicators of rewards for believers who have _____ past the point of the New Birth and spiritual babyhood. Maturing JOYFULLY is about _____ not _____. Activity doesn't equal _____; it is spiritual _____ that takes precedence and priority over doing good works. (Spiritual Advancement more than Activities, Busyness and Stress).
 - Reference **1 Corinthians 3:1 – 17** – *Sectarianism is Carnal*
 - **Sectarianism** = split, schism, separated in spirit and mind; *syn*: narrow-minded, petty, small-minded, little, insular, isolated, independent. It is the breeding ground for *strife* and _____ in the Church.

POWER POINTS OF THE JOY OF HARMONY

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- **Power Point #1: Stand Fast in _____ (verses 2 & 3).** Euodia and Syntyche (two ladies who had been with Paul since the beginning of the gospel and Church work at Philippi – Acts 16: 12 – 15), had a fierce disagreement and discord. It is not clear whether their disagreement or dispute was a doctrinal issue or something else. Whatever their argument was, Paul is saying that they need to come together in _____ mind once again. The way to become of _____ mind again is “in the Lord”, through the Word of God!
 - Paul urges that the body of Christ must strive for **UNITY** in (1) _____ (2) in _____ and (3) in _____. **UNITY** = harmony, agreement, accord, synergy; no divisions, no schisms, no strife, no discord.
 - Paul calls on this “true companion” (Pastor) to straighten out the _____ between Euodia and Syntyche. This is often the responsibility of the Pastor (**Titus 1:9 – 11**). Paul also advises the pastor to call on Clement as well as other ministers in the area of Philippi. Clement was the pastor of the Church at Rome. Why? Because, (1st) God want no _____ among us (**1 Corinthians 1:10**) and (2nd) God’s want no _____ in the Body (**1 Corinthians 12:25**) and (3rd) – Envy and _____ are a manifestation of the devil and creates confusion and every evil work (**James 3:16**); and (4th) A spirit of _____ s the major cause of _____, sickness and premature _____ (**1 Corinthians 11:29, 30**)
- **Power Point #2: Find _____ While Under Pressure (verse 4).** The storms and sufferings of life come and go, but despite our problems, _____ should come from our lips at all times. The voice of _____ is our praise to the Lord. The rejoicing is not for the circumstances but for the _____ of God which will strengthen us and will deliver us out of our circumstances. Our _____ and _____ is for God’s character, for His faithfulness and dependability which will never change.
- **Power Point #3: Let Your _____ Be What You Are Known For (verse 5).** **Gentleness** means being _____ and not _____ - and not concerned with unimportant matters that a person fights over nonessentials. **Gentleness** can be defined as the power to control your reactions to difficult _____ and difficult _____ (**Titus 3:2**). It should not be confuse with weakness.