

Resolving Conflict

Phil. 4:2-9

5/26/19 by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church (Series: What is a Disciple?)

“Rejoice,” “let your request be known to God,” and “think on these things”... in conflict?

Reading Phil. 4 in context: ² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. [ESV]



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Keys to “minding the same thing”:

1. Ask a mutual friend/ coworker in the Gospel to help (v. 3) who should:
 - a. Remind of past ministry successes together and that they remain on the same team
 - b. Remind of their shared place in the Book of Life
 - c. Cast a vision for future ministry together.
2. Rejoice in the Lord always! (v. 4)
3. Present a gentle spirit to everyone (v.5)



ἐπιεικὲς (ep-ee-i-kace') equitable, fair, mild, or gentle

Biblical context of “gentle”

- a. Be a peacemaker (1 Tim. 3:3, Matt. 5:9)

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Matt. 5:9 “*Blessed* are the peacemakers.” [ESV]

- b. Use gentle words and actions even (and especially) when someone berates you (Tit. 3:2, Prov. 15:1, Rom. 12:17-20)

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- c. Allowing **godly wisdom** to work out in your life by sowing peace (James. 3:13-18)
- d. Being fair and **even-tempered**. (1 Pet. 2:18)
4. Know that the Lord is **at hand** (5b)
5. **Relax** and make your **requests** known to God (6)
 - a. Don't be **anxious**
 - b. Approach God in **prayer** (prayer addressed to God)
 - c. Approach God with supplication (earnest seeking, asking from a state of poverty/need)
 - d. Presume an attitude of **thankfulness** as you **request** resolution from God
6. Discover God's **peace** (v. 7)
 - a. It will be beyond human **understanding**
Jealousy, selfish ambition, boastfulness, dishonesty (which rob of peace) are demonic. (James. 3:14-15)
 - b. It will **guard** your heart and mind in Christ Jesus
7. Adjust your **thinking** toward your offender(v. 8)
 - a. Think about what is **true**
 - b. Think about what is **honorable**
 - c. Think about what is **just**
 - d. Think about what is **pure**
 - e. Think about what is **lovely**
 - f. Think about what is **commendable**
 - g. ^{8b} ...***if*** there is any excellence, ***if*** there is anything worthy of praise...
8. Follow **Paul's** example. (v. 9)

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