

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how (in this manner) you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Phil 4:1

2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.”

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross”

1. Stand together, by having the mind of Christ

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

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2. Rejoice in the Lord.

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

Gentleness="reasonableness"

Clear thinking vs. emotional reasoning

1. Stand together: have mind of Christ

2. Re-joy your mind in the Lord

3. Be a reasonable person. (directed by truth not current passions)

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

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

The FACT of our peace with God will stand like a sentry over our hearts and minds.

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8 Finally, brothers, 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.

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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.



10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

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