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Service Unto Christ Jesus for the Kingdom of God - Philippians 4:4 – 7 KJV

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:4 – 7 KJV)

Summary of the Main Idea

All ways start your day with a greeting of personal worship of thanksgiving unto the Lord for all that He has done for you. This allows you to bond with Christ Jesus so you can receive your instructions for that day. Then the Savior can be magnified through you like Paul the apostles of old. Throughout the day this will allow you to keep your mind stead of the things of God needed to serve the Heavenly Father throughout the day as light unto the world. Time with God first thing in the morning before you start you day fills you with Godly faithfulness needed for the services of God for that day. The companions of the apostles like Epaphroditus were always ready to serve Paul through the church body because they kept their minds stead on Jesus throughout the day that they might win others to the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this was their high calling of God and this should be ours. For God gives peace of encouragement that passes all understanding that we might be able to function in acceptable services of sacrifice unto the Savior, saluting God with honor in everything we do.

Outline of the Main Idea

- I. Greeting- (Philippians 1:1,2).
- II. Thanksgiving -for support in his imprisonment 9Philippians 1:3-80.
- III. Prayer for their growth despite his imprisonment (Philippians 1:9 - 11)
- IV. Good News from Prison – A reason for rejoicing (Philippians 1:12-26).
- V. Exhortation to unity – a comfort to St. Paul (officers and leaders of the church who are serving) while in prison (Philippians 1:27 -2:18).
- VI. Future Planned Visits (Philippians 2:19-30).
- VII. Warnings Against False Teachers (Philippians 3:1-4).
- VIII. Final Personal Admonitions (Philippians 4:2-9).
- IX. Add final Thanksgiving for Their Gift (Philippians 4:10-22).
- X. Concluding Blessing (Philippians 4:23).

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