

Program Notes Philippians 4: 4-9 Jan 27, 2019, Doug B

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Title: ...A Positive Christian Outlook for a New Year in a Very Fallen World, Jan, 27, 2019 DLB

Read the Scripture out loud

**Overview of Component Parts that lead to a Gloriously Positive Outlook Rejoicing in Troubled Times**

Let your **ἐπιεικῆς**, be known  
The Lord is Near and its <---> relevance  
Exchanging Anxieties and Worries for God's Peace  
A Pattern of Positive Healthy Thinking--  
Godly practice affects the way we think which leads us to  
God's Peace

How can I rejoice with so many bad things in my life and in this world? I feel I can't rejoice because: \_\_\_\_\_

Troubled times are not the barrier to rejoicing that we think it is  
A harshly beaten Apostle and \_\_\_\_\_ rejoice  
A dying man becomes the voice of encouragement among his caregivers: Ken Wilkens (do you have your own examples?)

The Secret-- Rejoicing in the Lord  
Some helpful how to's. Remembering the good things of God, His character & His work, Psalm 103; Singing, Acts 16,

Let your **ἐπιεικῆς**, be known. What is it and how you make it known?

Lexicon: **not insisting on every right of letter of law or custom, yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant**

Creative ideas? Epiphany Party (Ralph & Connie), Dinner for new neighbors ...

The significance of "The Lord is Near", it can go 2 directions namely \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. ... or both!

Can you think of a time when the Lord's nearness was especially evident to you? Have others share their experience.

**Converting Anxieties into the Peace of God**

Prayer, Petition, Thanksgiving,

What anxieties are you currently struggling with? \_\_\_\_\_

Thoughts about God should precede requests to God.

Is it ok to thank God before He answers your petition the way you want Him to?

A positive pattern of thinking: whatever is \_\_\_\_\_: give a specific example for each one:

Putting the Apostolic godly characteristics into practice, add some examples:

What we do affects the way we think both negatively (Romans 1:18ff) and positively (Mark 4:24)

And the Peace of God shall guard your hearts and your thoughts!

**Lexical Notes:**

**ἐπιεικῆς**, ἐς (s. prec. entry; Hom.+; ins, pap [Mayser 92, 6]; LXX; PsSol 5:12; TestSol 1:1 VW; JosAs1:5; cod. A 15:8 al.; EpArist, Philo; Jos., C. Ap. 2, 211; Ar. 15, 5; Ath.; s. Mlt-H. 89; 314; 348) **not insisting on every right of letter of law or custom, yielding, gentle, kind, courteous, tolerant**

**σεμνός**, ἢ, ὄν (σέβομαι; Hom. Hymns+) **pert. to evoking special respect**

a. of living entities α. human beings **worthy of respect/honor, noble, dignified,**

**serious** ... of eccl. assistants 1 Ti 3:8. Of aged men Tit 2:2. Of women 1 Ti 3:11. W. δίκαιος (Jos., Bell. 4, 319) and other good qualities b. of characteristics, states of being, and things **honorable, worthy, venerable, holy, above reproach**

α. adj. (Maximus Tyr. 3, 5c νόμοι; Jos., C. Ap. 2, 221; Just., D. 3, 1 ἦθος) **Phil 4:8 ...**

**ἀγνός**, ἡ, ὄν (Hom.+ ) **pure, holy,...** 1J 3:3, σεαυτὸν α. τήρει *keep yourself pure* (fr. sins) 1 Ti 5:22,... —*Innocent* (Pla., Leg. 6, 759c ἄ. τοῦ φόβου) *συνεστήσατε ἑαυτοὺς ἀγνοὺς εἶναι you have shown that you were innocent* 2 Cor 7:11, Esp. of women *chaste, pure...* 2 Cor 11:2; cp. Tit 2:5. b. of things ὅσα ἀγνά **everything that is pure Phil 4:8**; ... ἄ. ἀναστροφή 1 Pt 3:2 ... Of the wisdom from above Js 3:17

**προσφιλής**. ἐς ... in our lit. only pass. **pert. to causing pleasure or delight, pleasing, agreeable, lovely, amiable ... abs. Phil 4:8.**

**εὐφημος**, ον... in a transf. sense **praiseworthy, commendable**, ὅσα εὐφημα **Phil 4:8**

**ἀρετή**, ἡς, ἡ (Hom.+ , a term denoting consummate 'excellence' or 'merit' within a social context, hence freq. w. δικαιοσύνη...

Exhibition of ἀρετή invites recognition, resulting in renown or glory. ... **1. uncommon character worthy of praise, excellence of character, exceptional civic virtue ... Phil 4:8** (w. ἔπαινος, in ref. to recognition of distinguished merit that was customary in Gr-Rom. society;... ἐπιχορηγήσατε ἐν τῇ πίστει ὑμῶν τὴν ἀρετὴν *bring the finest character to your commitment* 2 Pt 1:5a ... **2. manifestation of divine power, miracle**

**ἔπαινος**, ου, ὁ (s. prec. entry; Simonides, Pind., Hdt.+).

**1. the act of expressing admiration or approval, praise, approval, recognition**  
a. toward humans (freq. in honorific ins)

α. from humans ἐκ τινος 1 Cl 30:6; Ro 2:29; 13:3. εἰς ἔπαινόν τινος *to give recognition to someone* 1 Pt 2:14 ... **2. a thing worthy of praise** (Sir 39:10 ἔ. αὐτοῦ= 'what is praiseworthy in him/his praiseworthy deeds') **Phil 4:8.**