

A Jesus Perspective in a “Me” World

Our Life in Christ Philippians 4:2-7

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I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:2-7 (ESV)

Philippians 4:2-7: the perspective of Christ comes through prayer and brings peace in a “Me” centered world.

- I. The Frustration of a ME perspective. Philippians 4:2-3
 - a. Contrary Co-workers – v. 2
 - b. Connecting Companions – vv. 3,4

- II. The Fulfillment of a JESUS perspective. Philippians 4:4-7
 - a. Great rejoicing – v. 4
 - b. Gracious reasonableness – v. 5
 - c. God’s return – v. 5
 - d. Good relaxation –v. 6
 - e. Goal-oriented requests – vs. 6

f. Guarded reconciliation – vs. 7

The only way to have the mind of Christ is to be like Christ. Christ was consumed by prayer with the Father. To be like Christ you must be consumed by prayer as well.

The mind of Christ is entirely independent of circumstances and the people around us. It is achieved by prayer. There is no other option.