

Persevere in the Lord

(Philippians 4:1-9)

Sunday 26th October 2025



Philippians 4:1-9, NIV

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

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2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.



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Final Exhortations

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

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

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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8 Finally, brothers and sisters, 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.

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.



Introduction (4:1)

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I **love** and **long for**, my **joy** and **crown**, stand firm in the Lord in this way, **dear friends!**

- **NOT** pleasure, position, power, prestige, popularity, possessions, performance etc
- But **PEOPLE!!**



Introduction (4:1)

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- **Persevere** in the Lord
- **Pattern** mentioned in Chapter 3 – Moving Forward

(A) Internal Conflicts (4:2-5)

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(A) Internal Conflicts (4:2-5)

They were **yoke-fellows**

- bore the burdens
- put their hands in the plow
- labored with Paul in the gospel
- worked hard in sharing the Good News with the rest

(A) Internal Conflicts (4:2-5)

The **church community** plays a supportive role

- Helping individuals reconcile
- How to **maintain joy** amidst conflicts?

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V4) **Rejoice** in the Lord **always**. I will say it again: **Rejoice!**

- 1 Thess.5:16
- Luke 10:20

V5) Let your **gentleness** be evident to all.

- 2 Cor.10:1
- Matt.11:29

The Lord is **near**.

- Proximity – I AM with you always to the very end of the age
- Time – He is coming soon



(B) Peace of God (4:6-7)

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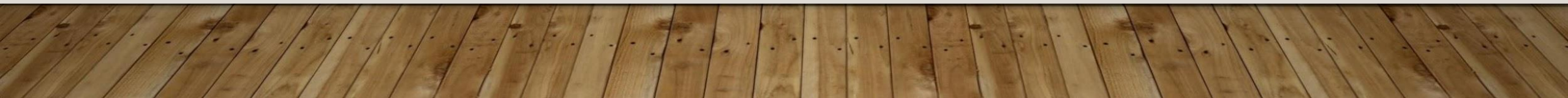


(B) Peace of God (4:6-7)

1 Thess. 5: 16 **Rejoice always**, 17 **pray** continually, 18 **give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then **approach** God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in **our time of need**.

John 14:27 Peace **I leave with you**; my peace **I give you**. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



(C) God of Peace (4:8-9)

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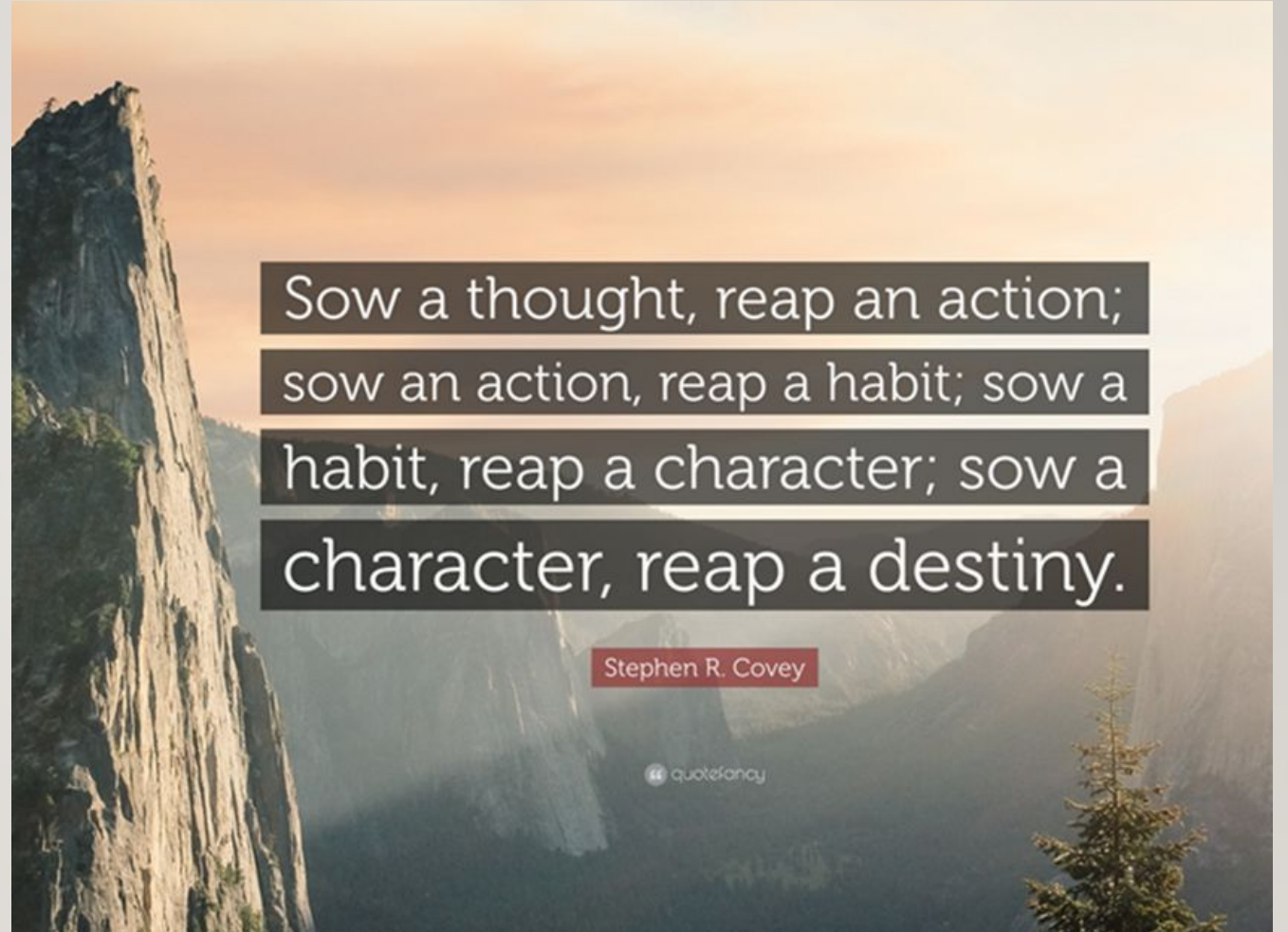
Prov. 23:7, AMP

For as he **thinks** in his heart, **so is he** [in behavior - one who manipulates].

James 1:22, NIV

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

Do what it says.



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