

PHILIPPIANS 4

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PAUL ENCOURAGES THE PHILIPPIAN DISCIPLES
TO KEEP ON STANDING IN CONNECTION WITH YaHWeH

1 Therefore,

- my brothers,
- beloved ones, and
- ones for *whom* I long,
- my joy and crown,

in this way keep on standing in connection with YaHWeH¹, beloved ones!

PAUL EXHORTS EUODIA AND SYNTYCHE

AND ASKS HIS FELLOW WORKER TO ASSIST THEM

2 I am exhorting Euodia and I am exhorting Syntyche to think the same *thing* in connection with YaHWeH². 3 Indeed, I am asking also you, yoke-fellow – *that is*, genuine *one*³, assist them, such women who struggled together with me in connection with the Excellent Announcement along with Clement also and the rest of my co-workers, the names of whom *are* in *the* Book of Life.

PAUL ENCOURAGES THE PHILIPPIAN DISCIPLES TO
REJOICE

4 Keep on rejoicing in connection with YaHWeH⁴ always. Again I shall say, “Keep on rejoicing!”

PAUL ENCOURAGES THE PHILIPPIAN DISCIPLES
TO LET OTHERS PERCEIVE THEIR REASONABLENESS

5 Let the Reasonableness *that is* yours be perceived by all people.

PAUL REMINDS THEM OF THE NEARNESS OF THE LORD
The Lord *is* near!

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TO RESORT TO PRAYER RATHER THAN ANXIETY

6 Be anxious about not even *one thing*! Rather, in connection with all things by the Prayer and by the Petition with thanksgiving let the requests *that are* yours be made known before the God. 7 And, the Peace of the God which is above all *the capacity of one’s* mind shall stand guard over the hearts *that are* yours and the thoughts *that are* yours in connection with an anointed One, *namely*, Jesus.

PAUL ITEMIZES

WHAT THINGS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FOR THEMSELVES

8 As for the rest of my instruction, brothers –

- whatever *things* are true,
- whatever *things* are devoted to God,
- whatever *things* are righteous,
- whatever *things* are hallowed,
- whatever *things* are pleasing,
- whatever *things* are worship,
- if *there is* any miracle, and
- if *there is* any praise,

keep on taking these *things* into account for yourselves.

PAUL EXHORTS THE PHILIPPIAN DISCIPLES

ABOUT WHAT TO PRACTICE

9 And, such *things* as you

- learned, and
- received, and
- heard, and
- saw

in connection with me, practice these things. And, the God of the Peace shall be among you!

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³ 90% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have ‘yoke-fellow – *that is*, genuine *one*’ here instead of ‘genuine yoke-fellow’.

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PAUL WRITES ABOUT THE GIFT

THAT THE PHILIPPIANS SENT WITH EPAPHRODITIUS

10 Now, I was made joyful in connection with YaHWeH⁵ greatly, because once upon a time you revived this – that you were concerned about me, in reference to which also you were being concerned. However, you were lacking an opportunity.

11 *It is* not that in relation to deficiency I speak. For, I, *for my part*, have learned *that* in connection with these things I am to be self-sufficient.

12 And, I know *what it is like* to be impoverished. And, I know know *what it is like* to have abundance. In connection with anything and in connection with all things I have been lastingly initiated –

- both to eat my fill and to go hungry,
- both to abound and to suffer deprivation.

13 I am strong *enough* to do ALL *things* in connection with the One Who empowers me – *namely*, an anointed One⁶!

14 Albeit, you have done well, being those who have participated together with me with respect to the Tribulation.

15 Now, you, *for your parts*, also know, O Philippians,

- that in connection with an introduction of the Excellent Announcement, when I came out of Macedonia, not one *ekklesia*⁷ participated together with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you, *for your parts*, only; and,

➤ 16 that, even in Thessalonica, both once and twice, in regard to the Need, you sent *something* to me.

17 *It is* not that I am seeking the Gift. Rather, I am seeking the Profit which abounds toward your account.

18 Now, I keep on receiving all *things*. And, I have more than enough. I have lastingly been made full, having received from Epaphroditus the *things* from you –

- a sweet-smelling aroma,
- an acceptable sacrifice,
- a *thing* well-pleasing to the God.

19 Now, the God *that is* mine shall fulfill every need *that is* yours in accord with the Wealth *that are* His in connection with a glory⁸ – *that is*, in connection with an anointed One – *namely*, Jesus!

PAUL ATTRIBUTES GLORY TO GOD

20 Now, to the God – even to a Father *that is* ours – be the Glory into the Ages of the Ages! Amen!⁹

PAUL ASKS THAT ALL THE PHILIPPIAN DISCIPLES BE GREETED FOR HIM

21 Greet every holy one¹⁰ in connection with an anointed One – *namely*, Jesus.

PAUL SENDS GREETINGS

The Brothers with me greet you.

22 All the Holy Ones greet you, especially the ones from the household of Caesar.

PAUL BLESSES THE PHILIPPIAN DISCIPLES

23 The Grace of the Lord, Jesus *the* Anointed, *be* in the midst of all¹¹ of you!
Amen!¹²

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⁶ 98% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), include 'an anointed One' here.

⁷ 'ekklesia' – a transliteration of the Greek word ἐκκλησία which means 'assemblies of those called out of society (in this case, by God) to serve an important public function'. This Greek word is

most often translated as 'church' which comes from a different Greek word which means '(house?) of the Lord'.

⁸ 'glory' – that is, that which is shining forth from a person that give others a high estimation of him.

⁹ 'Amen!' – a transliteration of a Hebrew word which is an exclamation of the veracity of something.

¹⁰ 'holy one' – a person or thing that has been set apart for God and His purposes.

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CONCERNING THE CITATION OF F35
IN THE FOOTNOTES OF PAUL'S LETTER
TO THE PHILIPPIANS

The citation of f35 (that is, Family 35, a set of manuscripts which clearly and thoroughly have unified characteristics) in the footnotes of Philippians is based on thirty-seven manuscripts.

These manuscripts are identified by the following numbers: 18, 35, 201, 204, 328, 386, 394, 444, 604, 757, 824, 928, 986, 1072, 1075, 1100, 1248, 1249, 1503, 1548, 1637, 1725, 1732, 1761, 1768, 1855, 1864, 1865, 1876, 1892, 1897, 2080, 2352, 2466, 2554, 2587 and 2723.

Dr. Wilbur Pickering collated all of these manuscripts himself.

There are many more manuscripts which ought to be collated. Nonetheless, these thirty-seven manuscripts represent a significant sample of the existing manuscripts.

Manuscripts 35, 1072, 1864, 1865 and 2554 are PERFECT representatives of f35 in Philippians just as they are!

The manuscripts from which another ten manuscripts were copied (that is, their 'exemplars') were also perfect!

The uniformity is impressive!

These manuscripts come from all over the Mediterranean world – Sinai, Jerusalem, Patmos, Constantinople, Aegean, Trikala, Meteora, Athens, Mt. Athos (seven different monasteries!), Bucharest, the Vatican, etc. They are certainly representative of the family, giving us the precise family profile.

The family profile of f35 is reflected in the text of Paul's letter to the Philippians without exception!