

## Philippians 4:6

- A. Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- a) If we are going to be anxious or careful, it should be in "no thing". NEVER! We should have no cares. I looked up the meaning for the word "nothing". Guess, what it means? "No thing"
  - b) 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast all our cares unto the Lord.
  - c) Matthew 6:25-32—Take no thought (worry or anxious) saying.....
    - i) Thought here is speaking of worries, cares, and anxiety. We should never take these things and one of the ways we take them is by saying. When you say, you have taken it. If you do not want to take it, do not say it.
    - ii) If we do not cast our cares upon the Lord, we will be depressed (Psalm 42:5, 6, 11; 43:5).
  - d) This is not saying we should be anxious or careful for nothing period. It goes on to tell us how to we do that?
    - i) By prayer. You can't overcome anxiety without prayer. Prayer is a way of dependence upon God.
    - ii) One of the ways to deal with cares is through Prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.
    - iii) Notice with Thanksgiving. Prayer and supplication without thanksgiving is lacking.

- Many people want to give thanks when they see their manifestation before their eyes. They think, well, Seeing is believing. Not true. Many see and still not believe. Believing is a choice, but it is also spiritual sight, not physical sight. So, because many do not understand this, they conclude that believing is not seeing.
  - Psalm 27:13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
  - Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.
- e) Notice our requests should be made known unto God, not unto man. The temptation we all face is to make our requests known unto man rather than God. The Word never instructs us to make our requests known to man.
- f) Ask who?
  - i) Who you ask reveals who you believe your source is. If you are asking the wrong person, you will not receive. You will lack!
    - John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
  - ii) Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: (Luke 11:9).
    - Side note: Notice this doesn't say kick and it shall be opened. If you kick, it doesn't open—God doesn't open if you kick. You are supposed to knock.
    - The Bible says ask and it shall be given, right? Wrong!
  - iii) Notice: who does it say you should ask? **The Bible doesn't say to ask me—but God.**

- John 15:7,16 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
  - John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
  - James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- Ask who? Ask of God. Why? It's Him that gives.

We need to stop leaving clues when you have need. I'm not saying you should not ask a person for anything. Ask them, but don't ASK them. Be asking the Lord.

- B. Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- a) If we do not pray, have our supplication with thanksgiving made know unto God, we will not have the peace of God.
  - b) Why? Prayer is communion with God. As we are focused on God in this case through prayer, supplication with thanksgiving, we will experience the peace of God (Isaiah 26:3).
  - c) Notice that the result of keeping our mind stayed upon the Lord or communion with God is the peace of God—yet not just peace, but one that surpasses all understanding.
  - d) One of the reasons for a lack of the peace of God is:
    - i) Making our requests unto men rather than God.
    - ii) Not praying
    - iii) Lack of thanksgiving
  - e) This peace of God will surpass all the understanding we had that is not in line with the Word.

f) Being in peace the of God will keep your heart and minds. The word "keep" is speaking of "guard." If you are not operating in the peace of God, you are not guarding your heart. The enemy can hurt you if your heart is not guarded.

i) Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.