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Prayer, Thanks Giving And Perfect Peace!

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Having no anxiety or distraction from the Peace of God

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice." Philippians 4:4-8 Bible Verses, KJV. What does it mean to Rejoice? I take us to the Original Words used in the Hebrew or Greek Language. Rejoice: is from a Greek word pronounced 'khah'ee-ro and means 'to be cheerful, calmly happy or well off, joyful in the Lord = 'kyrios' pronounced koo'-ree-os Supreme in Authority, Master controller. So we rejoice In the Lord at all times, even when things are out of our control; The Supreme in Authority does have control over everything. 'And again I say, Rejoice! We Trust Him with our life!

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

Moderation here means to live appropriate to our belief in Christ. In other words let our life style reflect our faith in Jesus Christ. Let this be well known to all human beings. The Supreme in Authority is at Hand: 'engys' from a primary verb 'agcho' which means 'to squeeze or throttle. As in relation to time. Jesus Christ Holy Spirit is never far away from His People in space nor time.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." 'Careful here means 'anxious about. Do not be anxious about even one thing, but pray with gratitude in our heart.

Know yourself, what you want, then earnestly petition God for it. That is a lot easier on our mind than <u>anxiety</u> and cheaper than taking drugs, cigs or alcohol.

"And <u>the peace of God</u>, which passes all understanding shall."

passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Peace: from a Greek word 'eirene' meaning; set at one again, prosperity, quietness, rest. Of God: means 'coming from the Supreme Divinity. This 'God Peace' passes all human understanding, and Secures both heart and mind through Christ Jesus. Through: is a fixed position only in Christ. If our mind is elsewhere, there is no guarantee of peace at all. The world does not guarantee peace to any of it's earth dwellers.

The 'world' 'kosmos, has so many things it wants you to think about. And the devil has his own plan for our life, mind and heart. he knows his time is very short. And he wants us to share the 'fate of his rebellion against God. But we are not brain-washed or deceived by his 'News' his 'movies' his 'music' as he controls what people are told to believe, to their own destruction. TAKING OUR OWN MIND BACK:

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

TRUE: This word comes from the Greek word pronounced 'al-ay-thace' and means 'True -as not concealing'. But in the 'world' true is only true with concealing of some things. But if our 'news' is concealing some things is it really true?

TRUTH: Is 'emet' (Hebrew) and is mentioned 92 times. And the Greek word used is pronounced 'al-ay-thoce' is mentioned 6 times in the New Testament. Here are a few instances:

After Jesus calmed the raging sea of Galilee, "Of a Truth, thou art the Son of God." Matt 14:33.

Even those religious rulers trying to kill Jesus said "Master, we know that thou art true, and teaches the way of God in Truth..." Matt 22:16. & Mk 12:14, 32. Jesus Christ is 'Full of Grace and Truth. John 1:14,17.

Another Greek word used for 'Truth' pronounced 'al-ay-thi-a' is used 107 times in the New Testament.

So, when 'the voices' on t.v., movies, books, communications or music tell us that the Bible is not True, or is corrupted, or over-written by man, we are not deceived by them. We Do Our Own Bible Research! Our Soul Is Worth It. We know we have a Soul because it is mentioned 475 times in the Hebrew word 'Nepesh' and another 58 times in Greek, 'Psyche.' Now I will tell You more as You...

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Do not be caught up in the cares of the world.

The Words for 'Soul' are mentioned 533 times in the Bible. So why do we spend so much time only thinking about our body, neglecting our Soul? All the Money in the World Can't Redeem 1 Soul from the Grave We read what Jesus said in Matthew 16:26, Mark 8:36, Luke 9:3 "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the Whole World, And Lose his own Soul? Or what shall a man give in **Exchange for his Soul? For one** Verse to be stated 3 times is a triple witness and warning in the Holy Scriptures. To miss this Truth is to the perishing of our individual Soul.

But the world is full of cares & distractions, including the Lusts of the flesh, and the Deceitfulness and Delusion of riches. All these enter in to choke off, crowd out, drown out, & strangle completely God's Word, so that it is unfruitful in our life (Mark 4:19). The devil doesn't want us to hear, believe or change directions. So, he works so hard to flood our life with problems and anxieties. But, for Believers, we are in the world, but we 'are not of this world.' (John 17:14). Jesus Himself Said many times "MY Kingdom is not of this world!" denoting a separation. Jesus also said of us, because you are not of this world, the world will hate you' We see that in the attitudes of many all

Jesus, who shined light on all the evil works around Him, was, and is, hated by many still today (John 7:7). But, the day is coming when the kingdoms of this world are overtaken by the Revelation Of Jesus Christ. Revelation 11:15. Still, the 'kings' and 'giants' of the Earth pile up their money to save themselves. The Holy Scripture says, 'We brought nothing into the world and we take no thing out.' Read 1 Timothy 6:7.

around us.

But the World says that we should not be Content until we have a Lot of Money. Then the Scripture says, "But Godliness With Contentment Is Great Gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, let us therewith be Content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred From The Faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1st Tim 6:8-10. Some think of themselves as 'Rich' but are deceived. 'But God has Chosen the Poor of this world to be Rich in Faith, and Heirs of the Earth. And Faith in Jesus Christ, The Son Of God, that is the True Riches. James 2:5-6.

Those who love the things of this present world more than Christ are the losers in the end. 2nd Timothy 4:10. Those who keep themselves Un-spotted by the world, and care for the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, are the winners. (James 1:27). Once we've tasted the Good Word Of God, and the power of the World To Come, we do not want to fall away from Jesus Christ. Hebrews 6:5, 1 Cor. 6:2. We are only Using the things of this world 1 Cor. 7:31. We know that moral purity is a

We know that moral purity is a big thing with God, as mentioned in James 4:4-10.

We are instructed in 1st John 2:15 'Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any person love the world, the love of The Father is not in them.

(notice that this verse speaks of things, not of loving the people of the world. The 'world-lings' love things more than they love human beings, and they will sometimes sacrifice people's lives to get the things they want). 'For all that is in the world, the Lust of the flesh, and the Lust of the eyes, and the Pride of life, is not Of The Father (GOD), but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the Lust thereof: but those who do the Will Of GOD, Abides Forever" 1St John 3:13-17.

'If the world hate you. 1st John 4:4-5 'Greater is HE Who is in you, than he who is in the world. 1st John 4:17 'as He was in the world, so are we in it. 1st John 5:4-5,19 'This is the Victory that overcomes the world, our Faith.

1 Cor. 1:20-21, 27-28, 2:6-8, 12. 3:18-19. 'The world by it's wisdom knew not God. 1 Cor. 10:11 'Upon who the ends of the world are come. Rom 12:1-2. 'be Not conformed to the world. John 3:17, 1 Cor. 11:32 'be Not condemned with the world.

Gal 1:4, Eph 2:2,12, 2 Cor 7:10 'the sorrow of the world works death. Don't cry for the world's losses.

2 Cor. 4:4, Eph 6:12 'the god of this world system has blinded the eyes. Eph 2:12 'don't be without hope, without God in this world.

Read 2 Cor. 5:19 Be Reconciled To God. 'God through Christ Reconciling the world to Himself.

And read 1st Tim 6:8-19... 'Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living GOD, Who gives us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on Eternal Life.'