

Joyful Life Bible Studies

Women of the Word

Euodia and Syntyche

Lesson 21

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Review last week's lesson on Daughters of the King from Psalm 45:1-15. What does the phrase *all glorious within* say to you about your life as a daughter of the King?
2. If you were to have one sentence in the Bible written about you, think about what you would want it to say. This week you will read a one sentence biography of two women. Identify these women from Philippians 4:2a.
3. Women, alert! There is a valuable lesson for all of us in the verses you will be studying this week. To prepare for your study write a prayer here expressing your greatest need.

*Let the Word of Christ
dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*
Colossians 3:16a

SECOND DAY: Read Philippians 4:1,2

1. Before Paul deals with the problem between these two women, record the way he expresses his affection for the believers in the church in Philippi.

- a. Thoughtfully print the exhortation in Philippians 4:1b.

(1.) What does *stand fast* mean?

2. Now we move to the problem existing in the church in Philippi. From Philippians 4:2 what do you think the problem was between Euodias and Syntyche?

3. Notice the strong word *beseech* that Paul uses to help resolve this problem. How does this word stress the importance of his admonition?

- a. Print his admonition here.

(1.) This is the Lord's solution for conflict among believers. It is vital to the unity of the church. Write what Ephesians 4:(1)2,3 teaches you about resolving conflict.

(a.) In what way will this help you to respond if you experience conflict with another believer?

*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;
but in lowliness of mind let each esteem
other better than themselves.*

Philippians 2:3

THIRD DAY: Read Philippians 4:3

1. In Philippians 4:3 Paul solicited help from his *true yokefellow* (companion) to reconcile these two women. We don't know the identity of this person but we learn something outstanding about *those women*. What is it?
 - a. The word *laboured* is the translation of a Greek word used of a group of athletes who played on a team together, cooperating with one another to attain a goal. The word also speaks of strenuous and agonizing effort. How does this help you understand why Paul *entreated* his *yokefellow* to help them?

2. What do you learn about Paul's *fellowlabourers* from the last phrase of Philippians 4:3?
 - a. This phrase signifies they were born again. What does it mean to you today that your name is written in the *book of life*?

3. According to Luke 10:20b what should your response be to your name being written in the *book of life*?

FOURTH DAY: Read Philippians 4:4

1. Consider the exhortation Paul gave in Philippians 4:4 as you print this verse here. Selah.
 - a. How does the phrase *in the Lord* center your mind and heart on our true reason for rejoicing?

2. Note that the exhortation *rejoice* is repeated twice in Philippians 4:4. This emphasizes the importance of obeying this command. How does *rejoicing* affect your perspective and attitude, especially in times of stress, strife or struggle?

- a. Philippians 4:4 challenges us to make the choice to *rejoice* in every situation. Share ways we can do this.

3. Too often we are negligent in our rejoicing. How does the word always strengthen the exhortation in Philippians 4:4?

4. It is a privilege for us as Christians to *rejoice in the Lord*. Take a few moments now to write an acronym or acrostic for the word *rejoice*:

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*Let all those who trust in Thee rejoice!
We will shout for joy because You are our shield.
Let all those who love Thy name rejoice!*

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FIFTH DAY: Read Philippians 4:1-4

1. One phrase is repeated three times in Philippians 4:1-4. Write that phrase here.
 - a. Thoughtfully consider the three exhortations concerning this phrase as you write them here.

2. In Philippians 4:1-4 Paul expressed his desire for these beloved Philippian believers. From Philippians 1:27 what was Paul's desire for them, whether he was with them or absent from them?
3. Choose a verse or phrase from today's study and tell how it applies to your life today.

SIXTH DAY: Review Philippians 4:1-4

1. What did you learn from the example of Euodias and Syntyche?
2. Briefly write the instruction you received through your study that would help you handle conflict between another believer and you.
3. Recall the definition of the word *laboured* in Philippians 4:3. What can you contribute to maintain the unity of your spiritual teammates?
4. What did you learn about *the book of life*?
5. How will you apply Philippians 4:4 in your daily life?

*Always be full of joy in the Lord.
I say it again — rejoice!*
Philippians 4:4 NLT