

## Philippians 4

- 1) What were Euodia and Syntyche encouraged to do?
- 2) Philippians 4:3; Exodus 32:32-33 and Revelation 20:12 mention the “Book of Life.” What is this book?
  - a) What does this “book” represent according to 2 Timothy 2:19?
- 3) How do saints let their “moderation” or “gentleness” or “reasonableness” be known to others, and *why* should they do so? (v. 5)
- 4) 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast our cares upon the Lord. According to Philippians 4:6 what is at least one way that this can be done?
  - a) *Thought Question:* Phil. 4:6 is sometimes cited to condemn *all* worry. Contrast 2 Corinthians 2:4 & 13 with Matthew 6:25, and be prepared to explain the difference between the two:
- 5) What surpasses all understanding? (v. 7)
- 6) What things are saints to focus (“think”) upon? (8)
- 7) Some religious people claim that examples do not bind. What does Philippians 4:9 teach about examples and Bible authority?

- 8) What had Paul's work as an apostle taught him about "contentment?" (v. 11)
- 9) Did Paul mention his physical circumstance as a request? (v. 17) What was the real reason?
- 10) What unique role did the Philippians have in Paul's financial support? (v. 15)
- 11) How do institutional churches of Christ interpret the "giving and receiving" of verse 15? (*hint: they use this passage to defend their "sponsoring church" arrangement.*)
- a) What did Paul *really mean* about who gave and who received? (*for help see verse 18*)
- 12) Who was Philippi's messenger to Paul?
- 13) *Thought Question:* Some modern church "messengers" have assumed the role of sole arbiter in dispersing church funds. What does the Bible teach about the messenger's role?
- a) Who selects / approves these messengers? (*see 1 Corinthians 16:3 for help*)