

Let Nothing Steal Your Joy

Phil Sanders, Speaker on *In Search of the Lord's Way*

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone, The Lord is at hand"

(Philippians 4:4-5)

The National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago's recent poll found that only 14 percent of Americans today are "very happy," down from 31 percent in 2018. Between the isolation and the many social disagreements, one can easily understand why many feel discouraged and uncertain about the future.

Every generation has faced its struggles, and we cannot assume we are immune to struggles of our own. We're living in a polarized society politically and socially. The answer to every spiritual problem is still in the cross of Christ. In Him, we find our hope, our salvation, our forgiveness, and our eternal life. Our Father is the source of every blessing (James 1:17).

Paul wrote kindly to the church at Philippi, who felt challenged by a disagreement between two women who had "labored side by side with me in the gospel." Their disagreement required some help from a true companion to solve. We don't know what caused their disagreement, but Paul told them "to agree in the Lord" (Philippians 4:2). He reminded them that their "names are in the book of life" (4:3). He urged them to have a gentle spirit (4:5).

We too must learn from the prisoner and Apostle Paul that the way to joy and contentment still lies in the Lord. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (4:4). Why? The Lord is at hand; we can pray with thanksgiving to God over every anxiety. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (4:7).

Let your mind dwell on the true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, good repute, excellent, and praise worthy things; practice what you know is right; and God's peace will be with you (4:8-9).

The Lord's Way is always the right and best way.

~ via *The Search Light*, Newsletter of "In Search of the Lord's Way" TV Ministry ~

It isn't your position that makes you happy or unhappy; it's your disposition

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Until further notice: **Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.** and **Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.** (auditorium class only). **Masks and social distancing required.**

TO HAVE SURGERY: **Ernie Robinson** will have shoulder surgery **Wednesday, July 29th** at Passavant Hospital in Pittsburgh. Remember him in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: Next Friday, **July 31st, 7:00 p.m.** Weirton Hts. Church of Christ. Social distancing will be observed.

PRAYER REQUESTS: **Regina King and Benjamin Radford** (Florida members and friends of the Browns - both have contracted the Covid-19 virus). **Bobby Wilson** of Chester (cousin of Janet Malcomson, Sandy Spencer, & Becky McKittrick). **Irvin Gainer** in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' dad). **Jim Loy** (brother of Twila Adamson).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Skip Haight, Melvin "Pete" Reed, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Emma Rine, Alex Harless, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham. **CITY HOSPITAL:** Bill Robinson. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers. **THE ORCHARDS REHAB, East Liverpool:** Tom Postlethwait (Room 4). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

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- R. A. Torrey, via *Bulletin Digest* -



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- Woodrow Wilson -