

{ Dinnertime Devotionals }



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Weekly Theme: Philippians 4

Verse #1: Philippians 4:1-7

(I use the NKJV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

All Ages Discussion Starter: There is a ton of material in these few verses. I always find it encouraging that of all the people Paul met in his journeys that he could build unique and strong bonds with Christians along the way. As a family, spend some time chewing on v6-7. How can we live this message out as a family?

Verse #2: Philippians 4:8-9

All Age Discussion Starter: Want to memorize a verse? I think Philippians 4:8 is one that every family should memorize and use as a filter for all decisions. Verse 8 is perhaps my favorite in all of scripture. Living it out would take a lifetime of thought, consideration, and effort. I have often referred to this passage as God's measuring stick of faith...if it doesn't measure up then don't do it. How could your family be a Philippians 4:8 family? Is it important that Mom, Dad and the kids all live this out?

Verse #3: Philippians 4:10-13

All Age Discussion Starter: Buried in the middle of these few verses is the challenging word 'content.' As a family, discuss the meaning of this word. Younger kids might not know the term yet so help them fully explore it. If possible, move beyond just physical things (possessions) and move to life circumstances, etc. When we really see what Paul was talking about in this section of his letter, v13 seems much clearer. That verse is often plucked out of context and used admirably but inaccurately.

Verse #4: Philippians 4:14-20

All Age Discussion Starter: Paul has a unique way with words, and I am sure the original language was even more interesting. What was Paul giving thanks to the Philippians for?

They had supported his needs when other churches would not or could not. Churches and money is often a challenging subject but it takes money to keep things going. How can we make sure that our money is being used wisely when we give our contribution to the church?

Verse #5: Philippians 4:21-23

All Age Discussion Starter: And the end of Philippians is here. Back in Bible times they seemed to have a care and consideration in writing that we don't see in our text based communications. I would love to have seen the original letter that Paul wrote to the church at Philippi. What do you think it looked like? Do you think that there was great care taken in every word? How would it have been delivered?