

Living in God's Excellence

Philippians 4:1-23

In John 10:10, Jesus states that: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." When you live in God's excellence you realize the abundant life that Jesus freely provided for you. Paul gives four focus points that will help you experience the blessing of living in God's excellence.

1. Live in _____
(Philippians 4:1-3)

- a) Stand _____ in the Lord (vs. 1)
- b) Our _____ is in the Lord (vs. 2)

Jesus is the source and strength of your _____.

2. Live in a new _____
(Philippians 4:4-7)

- a) You have a reason to _____ (vs. 4)
- b) You have a purpose for a _____ spirit (vs. 5)
- c) You have the God of _____ for your anxious moments (vs. 6-7)

Jesus is the _____ of your joy, love and peace.

3. Live in new _____
(Philippians 4:8-9)

- a) You get to think about what is honorable, right, pure, lovely, _____, excellent and praiseworthy (vs. 8)

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- b) Practice what you have learned, received, heard and _____ in those who model Christ (vs. 9)

Jesus is your example for a _____ mind.

4. Live in _____
(Philippians 4:10-13)

- a) Learn to be content in your _____ (vs. 11)
- b) Know how to _____ with humble means and how to live in prosperity (vs. 12)
- c) You can do _____ things through Him who strengthens you (vs. 13)

Jesus is the _____ for your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual challenges.

INSIGHT FOR LIFE

God, I will stop believing that a life of excellence "must be for someone else." I will yield to Christ's plan for giving me an _____ life. I will change my focus.

My Notes

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1. Live in harmony

(Philippians 4:1-3)

- a) Stand firm in the Lord (vs. 1)
- b) Our harmony is in the Lord (vs. 2)

Jesus is the source and strength of your unity.

2. Live in a new attitude

(Philippians 4:4-7)

- a) You have a reason to rejoice (vs. 4)
- b) You have a purpose for a gentle spirit (vs. 5)
- c) You have the God of peace for your anxious moments (vs. 6-7)

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3. Live in new thinking

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4. Live in contentment

(Philippians 4:10-13)

- a) Learn to be content in your circumstances (vs. 11)
- b) Know how to get along with humble means and how to live in prosperity (vs. 12)
- c) You can do all things through Him who strengthens you (vs. 13)

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