

“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

~ *Philippians 4:8*

WAM Parent Companion Reading

If you have your bible with you, find this verse and read it in context (Philippians 4:1-9). This passage is also printed on the back of this paper. Select as much or as little of the passage as you'd like and read it through four times, focusing on the following each time:

FIRST READ: ENTER

Let the entirety of the passage wash over you on this initial read. Take note of the who, what, when, where, and why of the passage (Google, study bible reference, etc). Who is speaking? To whom? Where are they? What are the historical circumstances of this time period? Why is the author writing this passage?

SECOND READ: IMPRESS

Read through the passage again and take note of any word, phrase, sentence, or verse that makes an impression on you.

THIRD READ: PRAY

Before reading through this third time, spend a few moments in prayer thanking and praising God for His Holy Word. As you read, be prayerfully responding and interacting with God about the text. Imagine you are simply discussing the passage with a friend as you read.

FOURTH READ: APPLY

In this final reading, ask God how He wants you to apply this passage to your life. Do you get the feeling there is something you should start doing, cease doing, or continue doing?

FAITH 166 Application

Share your insights with your children and ask them what they learned from the verse. Take time this week to pray with each other and ask God to help you apply the lessons you each learned.

PASSAGE: Philippians 4:1-9

1 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work. **2** Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. **3** And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life. **4** Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! **5** Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. **6** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **8** And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. **9** Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.