

Whatever captures and controls the awe of your heart and mind will shape and control your desires, choices, decisions and actions. Paul David Tripp.

We are called to live now in the present, confident of what God has promised us in the future. Kevin DeYoung.

Confident Compliance

Confident Joy

Confident disposition

Confident rational

Confident Cogency

Philippians 4:4-9

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Confidence: a feeling of self-assurance arising from one's appreciation of one's own abilities or qualities. (Not the Bible's definition of confidence)

Confidence: the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust

Confidence for the Christian comes not from within but from without. Namely the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bringing to fruition the plan of salvation, in the believer's life, from the foundation of the world.

Confident Joy

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

In the Lord

When Paul says rejoice in the Lord, he means the entirety of who God is and what He has done for you, therefore you cannot rejoice in the Lord without a doctrinally sound understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Joy issues from the nature of God, and it is intended to well up within those in whom God's Spirit dwells. It is not external; it is internal. It does not hinge upon circumstances

Boice, J. M. (2000). [*Philippians: an expositional commentary*](#) (p. 236). Baker Books.

Galatians 5:22–23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Knowledge brings joy and safety

Philippians 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

Knowledge brings joy and security

Luke 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

2 Timothy 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Confident joy produces a confident disposition](#)

Confident disposition

Philippians 4:5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

Reasonableness (epiekes): pertaining to being gracious and forbearing

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 748). United Bible Societies.

the most immediate outward expression of a rejoicing heart is Christlike gentleness toward all people, which necessarily involves the patient bearing of abuse

Hughes, R. K. (2007). [*Philippians: the fellowship of the gospel*](#) (p. 167). Crossway Books.

The sentence is a warning not to be unduly rigorous about unimportant matters.

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[Confident joy coupled with a confident disposition produce confident rationale](#)

Confident Rationale

Philippians 4:5 The Lord is at hand;

The Lord is our present help

Psalms 145:18 The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The Lord is our future hope

Philippians 3:20–21 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 4:6–7 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Anxious (merimnaō): to have an anxious concern, based on apprehension about possible danger or misfortune

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 312). United Bible Societies.

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Take heart (tharseō): to have confidence and firmness of purpose in the face of danger or testing

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 305). United Bible Societies.

Will guard (phroureō): guard; detain; confine; watch

[Confident joy coupled to a confident disposition and confident rationale produce confident cogency](#)

Confident Cogency

Paul uses six adjectives and two nouns to describe the kind of clear or cogent thinking believers should have.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Think about (logizomai): to think about something in a detailed and logical manner

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Recall, bring to your mind

Philippians 4:9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 2:12–13 work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Psalms 27:13 (NLT) Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living.