

Philippians (Chapter 4)

**Joy in the Lord and Christ's sufficiency no matter the circumstances,
that God may be glorified.**

Paul starts in verse 2 addressing:

1. The quarrel between two women and then in verse 6,
2. Says to devote yourself to prayer,
3. Which will cause you to change your motives and move from impure thoughts to noble thoughts in verse 8,
4. And then in verses 7 and 9, the peace of God that surpasses understanding will fill your minds and guard your hearts.

James says very much the same thing in James 4:1-8:

1. Verses 1-2a Fighting and quarreling because of desires that battle within you,
2. Verses 2b-3 Need to pray with right motives,
3. Verses 4-6 Need to stop friendship with world and turn our thoughts to God,
4. Verses 7-8 Submit to God, devil will flee, God will come near to you to purify hearts and give peace.

So both Paul and James say to address quarreling with prayer, and to change our thoughts from worldly things to Godly and noble things so God will purify and guard our hearts and fill our minds and give us peace.

REVIEW:

What are the major themes of Paul's letter to the Philippians?

Joy in the Lord

Christ's sufficiency

No matter the circumstances

That God may be glorified

What principles have you learned about living with meaning and purpose? (See 1:20-26)

About living with a proper attitude toward yourself and others? (2:1-11)

(Following Christ's example of humility)

About the value of dying to self and of knowing Christ? (3:4-11)

About living a peaceful and contented life? (4:4-19)

How have you changed more into the likeness of Jesus Christ?

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

Philippians = Christ's all sufficiency

Colossians = Christ's supremacy