I Got Peace Like a River



Would you like a *SUPER* HUMAN Body?

"Beyond what is human; with a higher nature and greater powers than human." Phil 3:21 [Jesus] "Will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory.

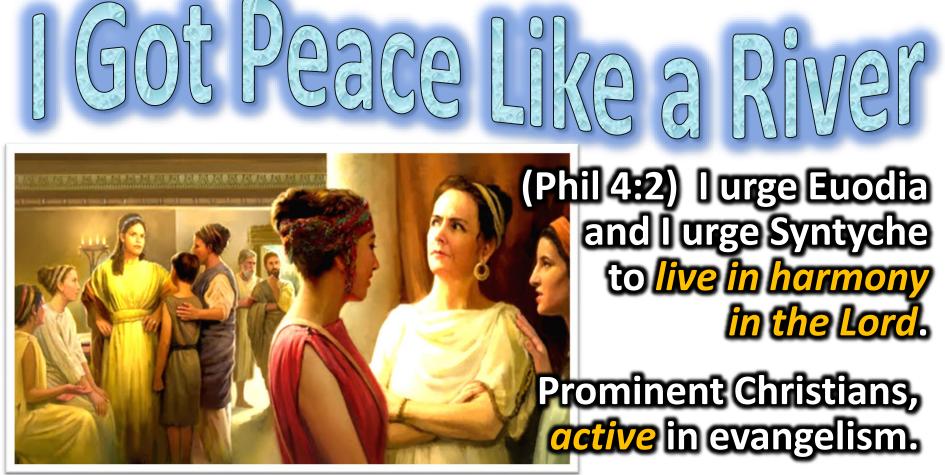
No pain (Rev 21:4) Can't die (1 Cor 15:42) Glorious, Powerful (1 Cor 15:43) Spiritual bodies (1 Cor 15:44) Body like deity (1 John 3:2) Pass thru space (1 Thes 4:17) (Phil 4:1) "Therefore"





Psychology Today: cites Baumeister & Leary claim that human beings are "Naturally driven toward establishing and sustaining belongingness."

Aaron Ben-Zeév, PhD; In the Name of Love. Why we all need to Belong to Someone. Mar 11, 2024



A chronic problem and Paul intervened from Rome.

Ambition; Competition; Mind-reading; Expectation; Crystal-Ball reading; Jealousy; Body language; Pride; Disapproving Looks; Gossip which hurts everybody.

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- Keys to Communication 1. Always Show Respect ! Words, Tone, Body Language (Col 4:6; Eph 5:33; 1 Pet 3:7; Prov 15:1)
- 2. Never Yell (except in sports or emergencies). *Express anger in appropriate words not volume !* (Eph 4:31 Clamor = Shouting, Screaming. Louw)
- 3. Don't Interrupt (Even if their facts ain't right). (Prov 18:13) Give answer before hears – shame & (Jas 1:19) Let <u>everyone</u> be swift to hear, slow to ...

Keys to Communication

4. When You are Wrong, Admit it ! *It's uncomfortable, but wins real points.*(Prov 13:18^b) He who regards reproof – honored.
(Prov 15:33^b) "Before honor comes humility."
(1 Sam 24:17) "You are more righteous than I."

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5. Don't "Argue" late at night, Yer Too Tired! You go round and round and can't think straight. Everything looks bleak and unsolvable. (Eccles 3:1,7) A time to speak & time to be silent.

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6. Quit Trying to Mind-Read.
Psychics can't do it.
Neither can you.

(1 Cor 2:11) For who among men [Anthropos] knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him?

Men: U Got'ta ASK !



Women: We can't Read your minds !

7. Negotiate Your Differences. Shows wisdom, not weakness.

(Dan 1:8-10) "Test your servants.. Ten days" (Judg 4:8-9) "If you will go with me.. I will go.."





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Phil 4:4 *Rejoice* in the Lord always.

Times to cry. Rom 12:15

Times when depressed. 2 Cor 7:6 Rejoice: [chair-ete] Be calmly happy. Rom 8:28 For good Phil 4:13 I can do Ps 31:15 My times Gal 5:22 Fruit of Sp

Joy is a mindset rather than a particular set of circumstances.

What Do You Want to be Like?











Phil 4:5 Let your *forbearing spirit* be known to all men.

Fair, gentle Thayers. Moderate, Kind. Kittle. Showing restraint. Barnes.

Not quarrelsome, harsh, not insisting on own rights, in the workplace, at home, with Christians, on road.

Phil 4:5 The Lord is *near*. (Matt 28:20) I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

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6 *Be anxious for nothing,* 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 comprehension, shall guard your hearts & your minds in Christ Jesus. (Mt 6:25-31)

This is not a "care-free" life. Don't let your thoughts take away your strength, your confidence or your life!

What do you do when you feel Anxious? Jesus prayed (Luke 22:44) "Being in agony He was praying very fervently." Paul prayed & sang (Acts 16:25) about midnight. In danger I pray & compose myself with Scripture (Ps 23:4 Valley of Shadow; Ps 18:2 Rock, Fortress). **Glenda sings, reads scripture and lays the Bible** open to Ps 23 on my pillow; then sleeps. (Ps 3:5) Do you want "Peace like a River? (Isa 48:18) You can have that in Christ ! (John 16:33)