

## THE DISPOSITION OF GENTLE JOY - Phil 4:5

### INTRODUCTION

1. Phil 4:4-9 - v5. *gentle spirit* of Spirit-generated joy.
2. 1C 13:4-7 - *patient & kind* is essence of *love*. Phil 4:5

### 1st: The Disposition of Gentle Joy

1. Grk term has spectrum of meanings. We are to demonstrate this disposition.
2. How we judge others: conscience - clemency, mercy - not quick to condemn; puts best construction on behavior of others: *forbearance*. Various translations
3. How we treat others reflects the moral disposition of our hearts. A heart that is rejoicing in the Lord will treat others gently, kindly.
4. Wisdom - Jms 3:13-18. *Gentle* [17] + *reasonable*:
5. 1 Pt 2:18 *good & gentle*. - *unreasonable*.
6. Authority - 1T 3:3. Not *pugnacious or contentious*, but *gentle*
7. Self-sacrifice; friendliness; courtesy, generosity, amiability, thoughtfulness.  
"Let your friendly, well-balanced character be known to all"
8. Joyful gentleness will stand out - Tit 3:1-5a What is the appearance of God's kindness that is seen by all men? Jesus. He teaches us - Mt 11:28-29

### Applic #1: Repent and Resolve to Learn Gentle Kingdom Joy from Jesus

1. Psa 139:23-24 *anxious, hurtful*
  - i. Anxious - Ps 94:19
  - ii. We've been judged w/ mercy - Lk 6:35-37
2. Learn the gentleness of kingdom joy from Jesus as you sit at LT. *This is My body, which is for you*. Let us rest in His gentle love.