

Mini-Series: Growing in Power
Spiritual Stability Pt.2
(Harmony, Joy, Contentment, and Faith)
Philippians 4:4-6a

Introduction:

Spiritual Stability – is when we don't collapse under persecution or compromise truth, or fail under testing or complain, or yield to temptation and sin.

Harmony in the Church will produce Spiritual Stability by:

- People supporting each other
- Holding each other accountable
- And caring for each other

3 More Principals to Spiritual Stability:

I. Maintaining a Spirit of Joy v.4

- a. Spiritual Joy is the 2nd principal for Spiritual Stability
- b. We as a people are focused on Happiness and not Joy
- c. God never promised us happiness but Joy
John 15:11

II. Learning to be Content v.5a

- a. Gentle Spirit is best defined as graciousness of humility
- b. Graciousness of humility produces
 - The patience to endure injustice, disgrace, and mistreatment without retaliation, bitterness, or vengeance

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III. Confident Faith in the Lord v.5b

- a. Paul is referring to the Lord's nearness in the sense of His presence
- b. Because of the Lord's presence we should not be fearful or anxious but strong Josh 1:7-9
- c. We should never forget to trust God
1 Sam 21:10-12
- d. If we want Spiritual Stability we need to remember God's ability to take care of us
Ps 57:1-3

IV. Be Anxious for Nothing v.6a

- a. Nothing is outside of God's sovereign control or too difficult for Him Jer 32:27
- b. Anxiety is both a violation of scripture and totally unnecessary Matt 6:25-34

Closing Food for Thought:

"We must strive for Spiritual Stability just as bad as we want our next breath and in doing so our lives will truly be something to behold..."