

* was going to skip this but... UNITY implemented in practical ways (not abst.) in specific disputes.

- what I am (ab) to write AND what I have already written!



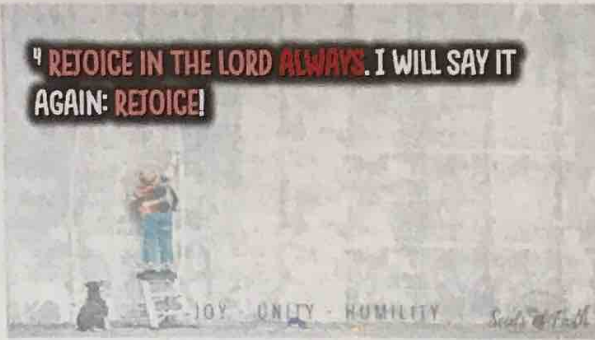
DISPUTES W/IN CHURCH NOT PRIVATE CONCERNS.

- THEY INVOLVE THE WHOLE CHURCH & THEY IMPACT OUR WITNESS & MISSION IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- WE NEED TO STEP IN TO PROVIDE HELP, SUPPORT, COUNSEL, CHALLENGE

HOW WE THINK ABOUT GOD MUST BE WORKED OUT IN HOW WE CONDUCT OUR LIVES.

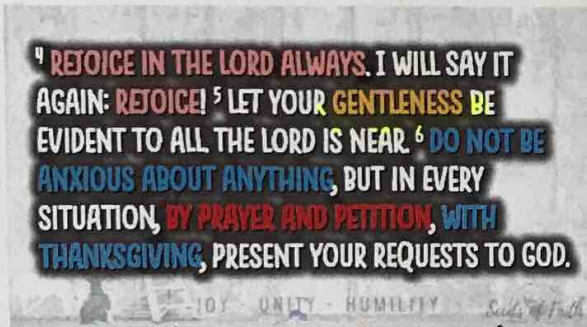
Head → ✓ → Actions...

(NIV p.222)



REJOICE – JOY... UNINTERRUPTED & UNBROKEN. ALWAYS... IN BOTH GOOD & BAD TIMES!

- IN SPITE OF CIRC... ANNOYANCE, DISAGREE, PERSECUTION – REJOICE!
- BECAUSE GOD HAS, TIME & AGAIN, & CONTINUES TO TAKE DEEDS MEANT FOR EVIL & TURNS THEM INTO BLESSINGS.
- PROBLEMS = NOT INSOLUBLE



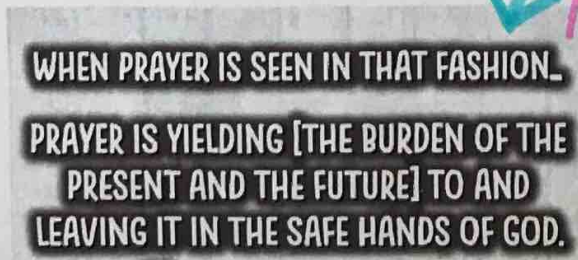
ANXIETY = MOST COMMON PROBLEM, WORRY, CONFUSION, PRESSURES OF DAILY LIFE, UNCERTAINTY AB THE FUTURE

- = FUTILE, FRUST, DEBIL ATTEMPT TO BEAR BURDENS OF LIFE & FUTURE OURSELVES ALONE.

*** PRAYER QUOTE – 313-314 ***

GENTLE → controls our capacity for anger + activates our capacity for ♡ + to ♡

* Not easy moralizing @ complex issues (Paul's sacrifices)
 ** Live the life God desires... have tolerance for uncertainty... know how to live in unk. w/o feeling threatened or afraid. unk/unfam. ≠ scary.



7 AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.

- Guard your ♡ + mind...
- way to be ANX. @ nothing = 2B prayerful @ EVERYTHING. → surrendered to Him.

How? Childlike capacity to trust 4 present + future.

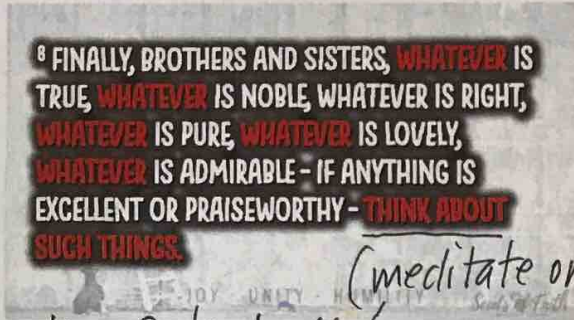
→ ↑ capacity to trust through "prayer + petition."

As trust ↑, tolerance 4 unk. ↑, ANXIETY ↓

Opp. of ANX = ☺ → hope + confidence... strengthens us to carry on...

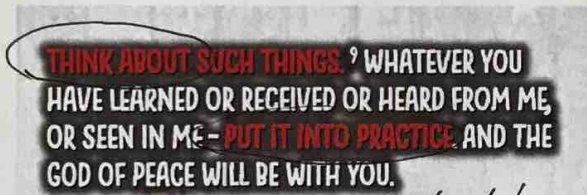
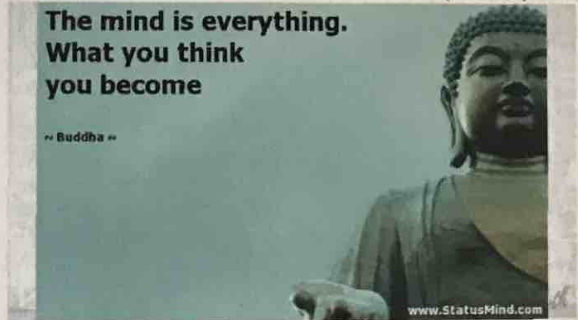
- Because God is sovereign over ALL, there is beauty even in the mess!

* When we TRUST completely + look 4 the beauty we will see God @ work... waste = fertilizer.



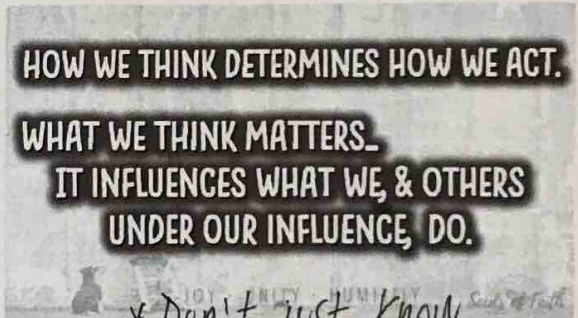
(meditate on)

* ALL truth = God's truth!
- find the beauty + hold onto that.
- MED. → focus on... think @ GOOD.

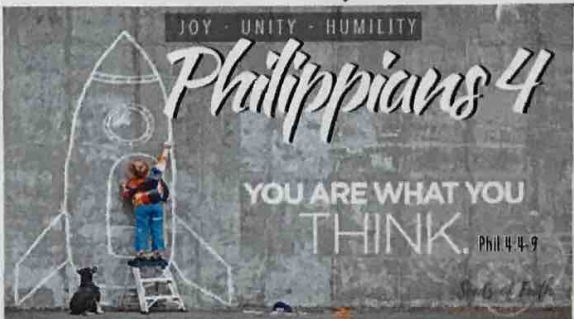


- In the Grk... directly connected!
* what you think @ is what U do.

- Indulging evil thoughts, neg. thoughts + tolerating sloppy thinking will have terrible consequences!



* Don't just know... KNOW + do!



Look 4 the bad... find it... dwell in it... become it.