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Christians who **obey God party often** ⇨ Philippians 4:4-8. Some *literal* descriptions:

Verse 4

Rejoice: full of cheer / calmly happy, including when meeting or parting from people.

In: literally started but not finished; a never-ending state of continuous improvement.

The Lord: always and exclusively God the Father / Jesus the Son / Holy Spirit.

Always: “every when” / at all times; a way of life and not merely situationally driven.

Verse 5

Appropriateness (*literal definition!*): the **entire** Bible together teaches us what is right.

Known: perceived and accurately understood; this is part of our evangelism to the lost.

By all men: including non-Christians; they need to see what the joy of Lord looks like.

Lord is near: God is always with us, wanting to reveal Himself to others through us.

Verse 6

No anxiety: do not over-think / be disunited or distracted “by even one thing!”

↳ by our life of **worship**, **petition** and **thanksgiving** to God for our **requests** to Him.

The premise of such confidence on our part is His faithfulness to His promises to us.

Verse 7

And: therefore / as the result of gathering together and unifying all of the above.

The God of peace: only God, who can join us to His prosperity, quietness and rest.

Passes all understanding: higher and better than any and every thought, feeling or will.

Keep: watch in advance / post spies / hem in / protect.

Our heart and mind: our every thought, feeling or will.

Through: started but not finished; a never-ending state of continuous improvement.

Christ Jesus: exclusively the Messiah, who alone is Jesus, God’s only begotten Son.

Verse 8

Finally brothers: furthermore, family of God... take notice.

Whatever is (as much as is) **true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good report:** ⇐

If there be any (whatever available) **virtue / excellence:** ⇐

If there be any (whatever available **and** superimposable) **praise:** ⇐

Think: Take inventory, estimate, reason, reckon, suppose.

On these things: all of the above.

This ↗ is God’s ultimate party plan, which will culminate in His endless party of heaven. Proverbs 15:15 says ⇨ all the days of the depressed are bad, but those of a good heart have a continuous *banquet*. The root word of banquet is *quaff*: *drink largely / luxuriously*.

Everything good has a counterfeit, and the intense promotion of ungodly partying is for *an extremely good reason*: **Satan hates God-type parties**. They encourage and build up God’s people, who in turn wreak damage on the kingdom of darkness. We all need to know the Bible; personally. To this end, study the Scripture on this page more than once; get the wisdom and obedience of God’s Word into your spirit... and live it out (loud!). ♥