

Philippians: Joy Chase
If Not Now...When?
Philippians 4: 4-7
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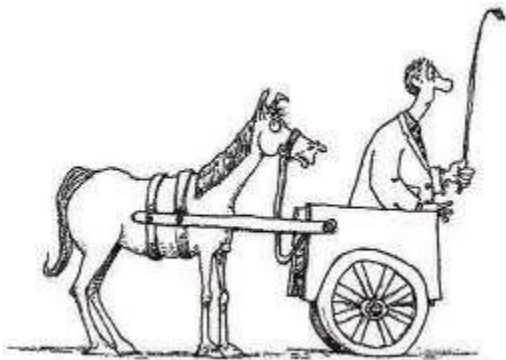
"The Christian experience has ordinarily been connected with one particular view...where that view has been abandoned, the experience has ceased" - Machen

Introduction: As believers we've been given priceless tools to cope with life. But tools are only as good as their operator. Here are just a few tools we should learn to master

Tool # 1 - Always Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4; 33:1; 34:1)

-Say What Now?

-The Big Lie



-Rejoice over what?

1) Our Earthly Needs (Genesis 9:3; James 1:17)

2) Salvation from Judgment (*Ps. 32:1-2*)

3) Heavenly Assurance (I Peter 1:3-4)

Tool # 2 - A Godly Disconnect (Philippians 4:5; I Corinthians 7:29-31 ; 35)

- We live in an extreme world
- We're called to steady the extremism (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- Time is running out (Romans 13:11-12)

Tool # 3 - Travel Light (Philippians 4:6)

- Omit the anxiety & work (Matthew 6:31-34)
- Commit to prayer with gratefulness (Genesis 32:6-12; I Timothy 2:1)

God's Promise - If...then (Philippians 4:7)

- Peace (Isaiah 55:10-13; 1-2)
- Security (Isaiah 26:3)
- Jesus (Jude 1:1)

Conclusion: "Christianity has not been tried and found empty, it has been found difficult and not been tried."