



WOW: Word Of the Week

Securely-Minded [Phil. 4]

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A good title for Philippians 4 is "Depending on Him." Until we learn dependence on God, we will constantly struggle with spiritual security. Developing the secure mind requires finding security outside ourselves. Paul writes as an old man, now within a few years of his death. The secure mind focuses on God's power and peace. The secure mind thinks about different things. The secure mind focuses on what is positive and good. External circumstances neither help nor hinder the secure mind, securely fixed on God. Our spiritual power does not come from within but from without.

It is not easy to depend on God. Most of the time, our first choice is to depend on self and to seek God's help only in times of emergency. The "secure mind" is centered on God. Knowing that God provides allows us peace regardless of our circumstances. Confidence in God's provision keeps us focused on excellence. The peace that the world gives can never equal the security provided by the God of peace.

Why do we find it hard to depend on God? Perhaps it is because of the nature of the society and culture in which we live. When almost all of the messages we receive each day suggest that security in life comes through fortune, health, physical fitness, leisure, and enjoyment, to seek security in service, sacrifice, and unselfishness is certainly counter-cultural.

"Dear God, we marvel at the love that joins believers together. We find incredible the possibility of forgiveness. We do not understand always rejoicing, lack of anxiety, constant prayer, and peace that passes understanding, but we are grateful for these possibilities and realities in our lives. We believe your promises, and we depend on your power to do all that you want us to do. May we live to your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen."