

## CONCLUSION

Brothers and sisters, in a world of brokenness, God provides peace and offers stability to His people. Those blessings are discovered along the path of spiritual responsibility. As we practice harmony, joy, humility, faith, meditation, and obedience, God promises that we can “stand firm [in this way] in the Lord.”

<b>Book:</b>	<i>Philippians</i>
<b>Series:</b>	<i>Rejoice in the Lord!</i>
<b>Lesson 13:</b>	<i>“Standing Firm in the Lord”: The Strategy for Spiritual Stability, The Path of Providential Peace</i>
<b>Text:</b>	Philippians 4:1-9
<b>Date:</b>	December 8, 2013
<b>Next Lesson:</b>	Philippians 4:10-20

## INTRODUCTION

Our lives can change in a moment. Physical ailments, employment hardships, financial pressures, interpersonal conflicts, personal temptations, and sudden misfortune are just a few of the faces of brokenness in our lives. And for many people—both Christians and non-Christians—that brokenness can sabotage their stability and persecute their peace.

Already in this book, Paul has addressed this theme of spiritual stability (1:12-18, 19-26; 3:1-11). In Philippians 4:1, Paul returns to this theme. He writes, “Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, *stand firm* thus [or, in this way] in the Lord, my beloved.” In this passage, *we are being shown the strategy for spiritual stability and the path of providential peace*. Inspired by God’s Spirit, *Paul provides for us six spiritual responsibilities that we should be practicing individually and corporately in order to experience the stabilizing peace of God in our lives*.

(vv. 1-3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2, 3b)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3a)

**Application:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4)

**Application:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)

**Application:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6-7)

1. Turn worries into \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Add \_\_\_\_\_ to your requests.

**Application:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8)

- *True* —
- *Honorable* —
- *Just* —
- *Pure* —
- *Lovely* —
- *Commendable* —
- *Excellent* —
- *Worthy of praise* —

**Application:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)

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