

Handling Turbulent Times

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Philippians 4:4-7

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- ❖ How do we handle times of crisis, setbacks, disappointments, shattered dreams, times of uncertainty and questions without answers?
- ❖ What does God's Word have to say about handling turbulent times?

1. Believers are to _____ in turbulent times (v.4):

2. Believers are to _____ on God during difficult times (v.6a):

3. Believers find their _____ in prayer (v. 6b):

Q: What are the principles of prayer? (Luke 11:1-4; Matt. 6:9-13)

- Prayer flows out of a relationship with God - "Our Father"
- Prayer flows out of reverence for God - "Hallowed be Your name"

- In prayer we invite His reign in our lives - "Your kingdom come"
- In prayer we bring our needs before God - "Give us this day our daily bread"
- In prayer we examine our hearts before God - "Forgive us our sins...."
- Prayer is our spiritual weapon against Satan - "Lead us not into temptation"

The ultimate answer to prayer is God's peace, v.7:

- A. In turbulent times, remember the ownership of God in your life.
- B. Re-define "good" and "bad" from a vertical perspective.
- C. Learn to worship God for who He is rather than what He does.
- D. Focus on what you are becoming rather than your station in life.