

Exhortations to the Church

Philippians 4:2-23

Outline

The Church Should:

- i. Live in Harmony
- ii. Rejoice In The Lord
- iii. Fix Our Minds On God
- iv. Be Content
- v. Be Generous
- vi. Bring Glory To God

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, whom I long to see, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. 3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also, help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement as well as the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:2-7

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked an opportunity to act. 11 Not that I speak from need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. 12 I know how to get along with little, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:8-13

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15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone; 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek the profit which increases to your account. 18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philippians 4:14-23

Live In Harmony

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Philippians 4:1-3,5

This refers to contentment with and generosity towards others. It can also refer to leniency towards the faults and failures of others. It can even refer to patience in someone who submits to injustice or mistreatment without retaliating. Graciousness in humility encompasses all of the above.

John MacArthur

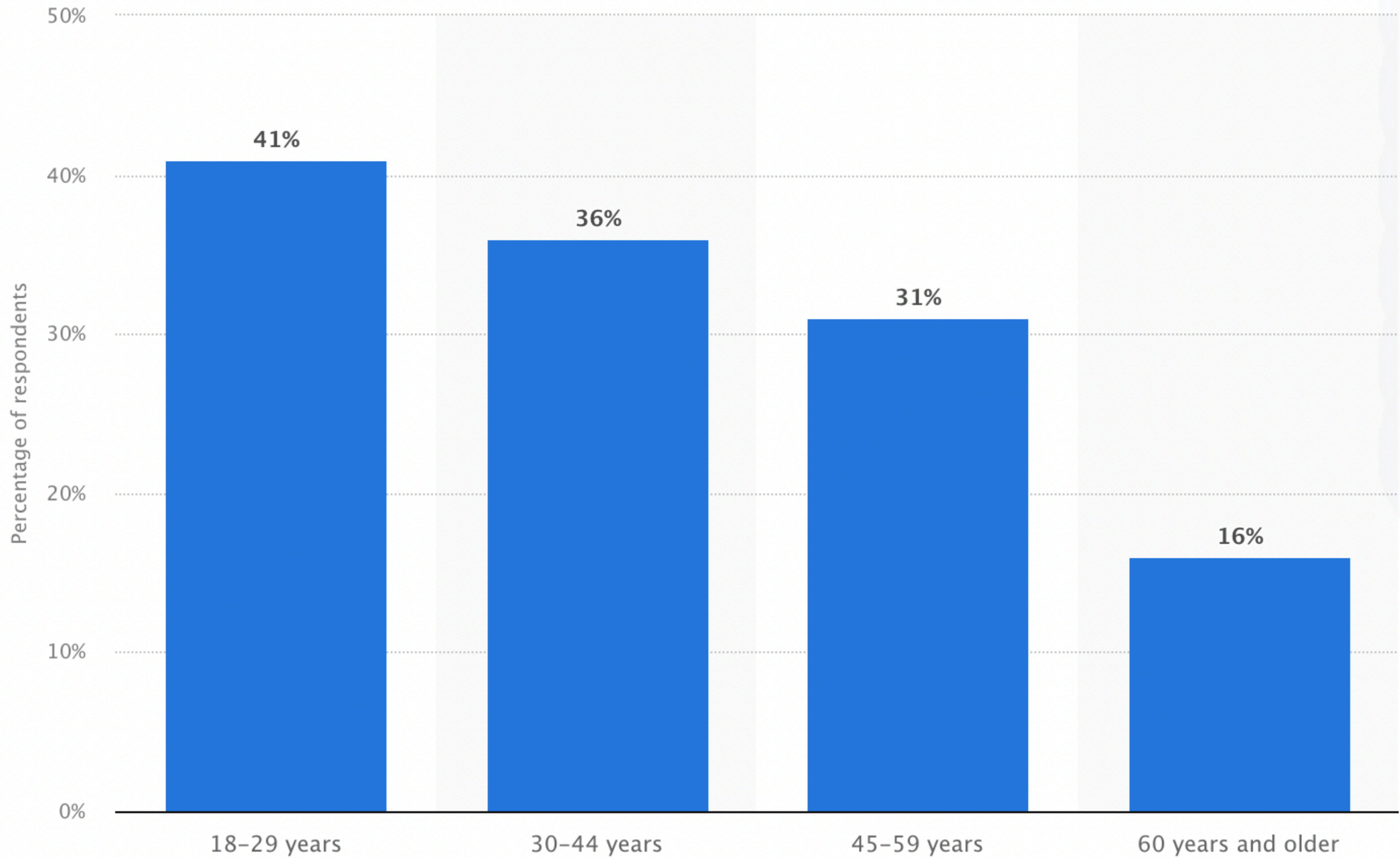
The common mind they are to share, in reconciliation and mutual love, is one which sets the good of the church above personal interest, and finds its inspiration in the incarnate Lord and the standard he expects of his people.

Ralph P. Martin

Rejoice In The Lord

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Philippians 4:10-13

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- To forgiving those who have sinned against us (Ephesians 4:32).
- To turning away from sexual temptation (1 Thessalonians 4:3).
- To giving generously to kingdom needs, even beyond your means (2 Corinthians 8:3).
- To not allowing material abundance to choke the word in us (Matthew 13:22).
- To rejoicing even when sorrowful (2 Corinthians 6:10).
- To contentment even when experiencing deprivation (Philippians 4:12).

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- To boldness even in the face of fearful threats (Acts 4:29).
- To peace even when facing pressured trials (Philippians 4:6–7).
- To joy even when enduring withering affliction and illness (2 Corinthians 1:3–5).
- To hope when all around our soul gives way (Psalm 42:11).
- To gracious patience under pressured labors (Colossians 1:11).
- To blessing those who persecute us (Romans 12:14).

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- To courage in leaving family and property for Jesus's sake (Matthew 19:29).
- To overcoming discouragement due to adversity and weakness (2 Corinthians 12:10).
- To not allowing indwelling sin to reign over or condemn us (Romans 6:12, 8:1).
- To loving saints who sin and sinful unbelievers (John 15:12; Romans 12:10; Romans 9:1–3).
- To facing every other fear and anxiety-producing temptation.

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Philippians 4:14-19

Now, brothers and sisters, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, 2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. 3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily, 4 begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, 5 and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well. 7 But just as you excel in everything, in faith, speaking, knowledge, and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you also excel in this gracious work. 8 I am not saying this as a command, but as proving, through the earnestness of others, the sincerity of your love as well. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Bring Glory To God

**Now to our God and Father be the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Philippians 4:20

"The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross."

John Calvin