

For the Love of an Imperative Verb Philippians 4

greet, to

ἀσπάσασθε, *aspásasthe*; *vb: aor mid imperative 2nd pers pl* from ἀσπάζομαι:

Phil. 4:21: **greet** [NAB, NIV11, NKJV, NRSV89, NRSV90], **greetings** [NJB]

help, to

συλλαμβάνου, *syllambánou*; *vb: pres mid imperative 2nd pers pl* from συλλαμβάνω:

Phil. 4:3: **help** [NAB, NIV11, NJB, NKJV, NRSV89], also **assist** [NRSV90]

keep doing, to

πράσσετε, *prássete*; *vb: pres act imperative 2nd pers pl* from πράσσω:

Phil. 4:9: **keep doing** [NJB, NRSV89], **keep on doing** [NAB], **do** [NKJV], also **practice** [NIV11, NRSV90];

known, to let be

γνωσθήτω, *gnōsthétō*; *vb: aor pass imperative 3rd pers sg* from γινώσκω:

Phil. 4:5: **let . . . be known** [NKJV, NRSV89, NRSV90], **should be known** [NAB], also **be evident** [NIV11], **be obvious** [NJB]

γνωρίζεσθω, *gnōrizésthō*; *vb: pres pass imperative 3rd pers sg* from γνωρίζω:

Phil. 4:6: **let . . . be known** [NRSV89, NRSV90], **let . . . be made known** [NKJV], **make known** [NAB], also **present** [NIV11], **tell** [NJB]

rejoice, to

χαίρετε, *chaírete*; *vb: pres act imperative 2nd pers pl* from χαίρω:

Phil. 4:4: **rejoice** [NAB, NIV11, NKJV, NRSV89, NRSV90], also **be joyful** [NJB]

See also Phil. 2:18 and 3:1.

stand firm, to

στήκετε, *stēkete*; *vb: pres act imperative 2nd pers pl* from στήκω:

Phil. 4:1: **stand firm** [NAB, NIV11, NRSV89, NRSV90], also **hold firm** [NJB], **stand firm** [NKJV]

think about, to

λογίζεσθε, *logízzesthe*; *vb: pres mid / pass imperative 2nd pers pl* from λογίζομαι:

Phil. 4:8: **think about** [NAB, NIV11, NRSV89], also **take account of** [NRSV90], **let minds be filled** [NJB], **meditate on** [NKJV]

worry, to

μεριμνᾶτε, **merimnâte**; *vb: pres act imperative 2nd pers pl* from μεριμνάω:

Phil. 4:6: **worry** [NJB, NRSV89], also **anxiety** [NAB], **be anxious** [NIV11, NKJV, NRSV90]

An awareness tool: If you are of the kind that enjoys or needs to mark in books, let me suggest that you might mark the imperative verbs in one of your Bibles. Use a highlighter (but test on some blank page for bleed-through) on or simply underline the word. When again reading or studying the text you will be reminded of the power that word can have.

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