

# CELEBRATE AND TRUST GOD

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PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8



## The Heart of the Matter

Life is meant to be celebrated, not merely endured. Those who believe that understand that happiness is a choice we make every day. Happiness isn't based on who won the ballgame, how much weight we lose, or which lotto numbers we choose. It's not about the change in the weather, how young or old you are, or any other circumstance. None of these things matter. *Life is to be celebrated, not merely endured.* Get that into your head! To help you do that, let's look at a man who had every reason to be down in the dumps but wasn't. He could celebrate life because he celebrated God.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Celebrate Life by Celebrating God (Selected Scriptures)

Paul knew the difficulties of life. But he didn't let life get him down; he celebrated life by celebrating God.

### 2. Celebrating God Helps Us Stay in the (Rat) Race (Philippians 4:4-8)

When running the race of life gets tiresome, remember four divine truths from Paul's pen.



## Starting Your Journey

Make it your aim to celebrate God as a way of life, and you'll not only stay in the race of life; you'll win. God will see to it!



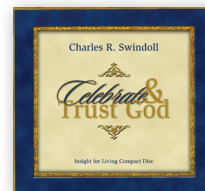
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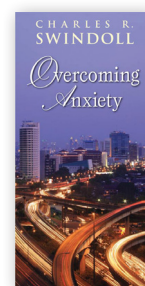
## Tools for Digging Deeper



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# Celebrate God!



Celebrate God all day, every day.  
I mean, *revel* in Him!  
Make it as clear as you can to all you meet  
that you're on their side,  
working with them and not against them.  
Help them see that the Master is about to arrive.  
He could show up any minute!

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray.  
Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers,  
letting God know your concerns.  
Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness,  
everything coming together for good,  
will come and settle you down.  
It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry  
at the center of your life.

Summing it all up, friends,  
I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating  
on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling,  
gracious — the best, not the worst;  
the beautiful, not the ugly;  
things to praise, not things to curse.

Philippians 4:4–8 (*The Message*)