



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

When the Lord Comes Near He Humbles His Enemies December 12th, 2021

Philippians 4:4-7(NIV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1. Everyone say, in their opinion, who is the scariest fictional bad guy. Then say who's the scariest real-life bad guy.
2. Give 5 or more reasons someone might be skeptical about the Bible's encouragement to "**rejoice *always***." (v. 4)
3. In your own words, what does it mean to be "**in** the Lord" (v. 4) or "**in** Christ Jesus" (v. 7)?

4. What does "**The Lord is near.**" (v. 5) have to do with "**Rejoice!**" (v. 4)?
5. The Lord humbles his enemies. Explain why that enables you to be gentle to all people? (v. 5)
6. The Lord humbles his enemies, explain why that relieves your anxiety (v. 6)?
7. List some differences between a person who handles hard times with anxiety vs. a person who handles hard times with prayer and petition. (v. 6)
8. The peace of God is a guardian at the door of your heart and mind. What is it keeping in? What is it keeping out?
9. Everyone say one thing they will take from this conversation to encourage them through the rest of this week.

