

Philippians 4:11

P B G M C T H J Z Y K L V N F V Q
M L N R Z N H T D J X H T L D O L
A H I I N E W A K H N R E O Z M W
M R M G K I U E T J Y R H U N N N
K T U L V F G R I I P J E T A T S
R R N R H T I W E R E H T G Q G M
Z Q H T K R E V E O S T A H W M P
H H G W M G X P O P K V L D A M R
J P L I H M J W C T O V O X E W O
A W S C A Q O M N R E S P E C T C
U Z R V V B K E H G J T N A W T M
X U C O E L T G Z U E D Q E V P Y
H W N S F N N S C Y J Q Z M K I J
Z E V V O O T V G P K A E P S K Q
K G L C P E P G O R X Y K Y I U M
L E A R N E D F T Y Q I I J E V Y
W Z G F Y T J X W V F Q A N B K C

Look up Philippians 4:11 in your KJV Bible and circle the words (21) in the verse to complete this puzzle.

Wait!

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God's delays are not denials;
He has heard your prayer;
He knows all about your trials,
Knows your every care.

God's delays are not denials;
Help is on the way;

He is watching o'er life's dials,
Bringing forth the day.

God's delays are not denials;
You will find Him true,
Working through the hardest
trials,
What is best for you!

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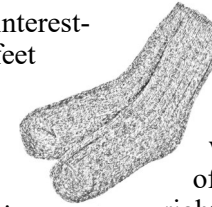
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Handmade Socks

Bill Brinkworth

One Sunday morning, a teacher assistant mentioned that she made socks. I was very interested in her craft as my feet always seem cold. The idea of a thick, handmade, wool sock intrigued me. Surely, a custom knitted foot covering would be most likely a warm solution for my frigid toes.



She offered to make me a pair of heavy warm socks, and I quickly accepted her kind offer. It was not long until she presented me with the product of her labors. After putting them on at home, they certainly were warm, but the fit was not snug, and after a little walking, they always had to be pulled up. The idea of a custom-made sock sounded, felt, and appeared wonderful when hearing of them, but they did not fit right. My store-bought foot coverings, which I usually wore, were snug and fit my feet perfectly. What I already had was just what I needed.

Most people's choices in life, without God's intervention, are often like those socks. An idea of something different may sound enticing, but it may not be what is needed.

Often, without asking and waiting for God's provision of what He deems to be the right spouse for us, our pick turns out to be the wrong one. The wife may have looked beautiful or the husband handsome, but those qualities no longer mattered, as our choice was not the

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It Will be Here, If It's God's Will

Bill Brinkworth

When buying a new car, a real "beauty" was discovered and was very enticing to buy. The forceful salesman insisted that I purchase it immediately, as it was such a good deal "that it wouldn't be on the lot long."

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right fit. If only God was asked to choose the right mate and His choice was patiently waited for, the perfect fit for a life partner might have been provided.

People jump at the possibility of a new career and job. The different livelihood sounded great; the wage was far more than was currently earned. A job interview showed even more opportunities. It certainly appeared like the dream job that was always wanted.

Not long after starting the new position, it was quickly realized that the old job was much better. Yes, there were many future possibilities at the new position, but the people at the new job were hard to get along with, and it was not a nice place to work. If God was waited to open or close the doors of opportunity, the worker might have been in the perfect position for him.

Finding the right friends is so important. Too many, however, pick the wrong companion. It seems the new “bestie” is not who it was thought she was and that any confidence shared with her is soon spread around to others. If only God were asked to supply the right friend and patiently waited for, one would not be in the bad relationship they now have found themselves.

All of our decisions are important. The wrong choices can result in a large heap of regrets. What we see, hear, or determine is not always the right fit for us. Our picks are often blindly chosen as we do not always see the whole situation.

God, however, knows us better than we know ourselves. He realizes what we need, not just what we want. To make His help more necessary, He also knows everything about the other person, job, and situation just as well. When He is asked to choose, one can be assured that it will be the right pick for us.

Ask God for direction in all things and wait PATIENTLY for His provision. If you do not have His clear leadership, stay, and be content with what you currently have until His guidance is shown. His selection will be the right choice for you.

It Will be Here, If ...

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Usually, I do not buy a big item without first praying. I told the salesman, “I want the car, but I have to go home and pray about it first.”

Wanting the sale right away, the dealer warned, “You will probably lose this wonderful opportunity if you don’t get it now.”

“Opportunity is not always God’s will!”

— B. B

“Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.”

— Rousseau

“If it is God’s will for me to have this car, you won’t be able to sell it until I come back,” I confidently replied.

The salesman looked very confused.

Bible Verses on Patience

“... I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.”

Psalms 40:1

“... Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.” *Psa. 62:1*

“Salvation” here is referring to deliverance from a bad situation.

“Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.” *Psa. 25:5*

“It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.”

Lamentations 3:26

“Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.” *Jeremiah 14:22*

“The eyes of all wait upon

thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.” *Psa. 145:15* “Due season” is referring to God’s timing, not ours.

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”

Romans 12:12

“Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.”

I Thessalonians 5:14

Two Helpful Bears

Christians Advocate

There lived an old couple who quarreled frequently. The whole village knew about it, and when at last they ceased their fighting, questions were asked as to how it all came about.

“Two bears did it,” said the wife.

“Two bears?” questioned a neighbor.

“Ah!” said the husband, “but these are two new bears which we found in the Bible. We have learned to love, “Bear ye one another’s burdens...” and “... forbearing one another in love.”

“There is no such thing as preaching patience into people unless the sermon is so long, they have to practice it while they hear.” — Beecher