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Illustrative Study – a “word” study

Phil 4:4-7 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. NIV

*Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ **Be careful for nothing**; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. - KJV*

Study on anxious (NIV) (*careful (AV)*) in Phil 4:6

– does it simply mean do not worry?

Step one

What does the word “careful” (in Phil 4:6) mean?

1. Look up meaning of the Greek word translated “careful” in KJV

Look up meaning in either Strongs concordance, Youngs concordance or Vines “Dictionary of New Testament words” the definition for the Greek word translated “careful” in Phil 4:6.

2. Summarise the meaning of the word

Youngs Concordance

Phil 4:6 Be **careful** for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (KJV)

CAREFUL, to be —

1. *To be anxiously careful, דאג daag.*
Jer. 17. 8 shall not be careful in the year of drought
2. *To tremble, fear, חרד charad.*
2 Ki. 4. 13 Behold, thou hast been careful for us
3. *To be or think necessary, חשב shashach.*
Dan. 3. 16 we (are) not careful to answer thee in
4. *To become distracted, μεριμνάω merimnaō.*
Luke 10. 41 thou art careful and troubled about
Phil. 4. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing
5. *To be mindful, φρονέω phroneō.*
Phil. 4. 10 ye were also careful, but ye lacked
6. *To be thoughtful or mindful, φροντίζω phrontizō.*
Titus 3. 8 which..believed in God might be careful

Lexicon at the back of concordance

MERIMNAŌ μεριμνάω
be careful 2
care 5
have care 1
take thought 10.
with taking
thought 1.

Partic.

Strong's Concordance

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Da	3:16	we are not c. to answer thee in.....	2818
Lu	10:41	Martha, thou art c. and troubled...	3309
Php	4:6	Be c. for nothing; but in.....	3309
Php	4:10	wherein ye were also c. , but ye.....	5426
Tit	3:8	be c. to maintain good works.	5431

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back of concordance*

3307. *μερίζω mērizō*, *mer-id'-zo*; from 3313; to part, i.e. (lit.) to apportion, bestow, share, or (fig.) to disunite, differ:—deal, be difference between, distribute, divide, give part.

from
3307

3308. *μέριμνα mērimna*, *mer'-im-nah*; from 3307 (through the idea of distraction); solicitude:—care.

from
3308

3309. *μεριμνάω mērimnaō*, *mer-im-nah'-o*; from 3308; to be anxious about:—(be, have) care (-ful), take thought.

3310. *μερίς mēris*, *mer-ecē'*; fem. of 3313; a portion, i.e. province, share or (abstr.) participation:—part (× -akers).

3311. *μερισμός mēris-mōs*, *mer-is-mos'*; from 3307; a separation or distribution:—dividing asunder, gift.

3312. *μεριστής mēristēs*, *mer-is-tace'*; from 3307; an apportioner (administrator):—divider.

3313. *μέρος mērōs*, *mer'-os*; from an obsol. but more prim. form of *μείρομαι mēirōmai* (to get as a section or allotment); a division or share (lit. or fig., in a wide application):—behalf, coast, course, craft, particular (+ -ly), part (+ -ly), piece, portion, respect, side, some sort (-what).

Vines

“Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words”

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CARE (noun and verb), CAREFUL, CAREFULLY, CAREFULNESS

A. Nouns.

1. *merimna* (μέριμνα, 3308), probably connected with *merizō*, “to draw in different directions, distract,” hence signifies “that which causes this, a care, especially an anxious care,” Matt. 13:22; Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14; 21:34; 2 Cor. 11:28 (RV, “anxiety for”); 1 Pet. 5:7 (“anxiety”). See ANXIETY. ¶

Strong's
Number

B. Verbs.

1. *merimnaō* (μεριμνάω, 3309), akin to A, No. 1, signifies “to be anxious about, to have a distracting care,” e.g., Matt. 6:25, 28, RV, “be anxious,” for KJV, “take thought”; 10:19; Luke 10:41 (RV, “anxious,” for KJV, “careful”); 12:11 (RV, “anxious”); to be careful for, 1 Cor. 7:32–34; to have a care for, 1 Cor. 12:25; to care for, Phil. 2:20; “be anxious,” Phil. 4:6, RV. See THOUGHT (to take).

Step one

- What does “careful” (3309) mean?

Summarise

“to be anxious about, to have a distracting care,”

Step 2

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There are only two Phil 4:6 & Luke 10:41

Is that it?

Step 3

Try the root word 3308 – “care”

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Try “care & cares” (3308, 3309)

Strong's

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could also try “thought” (3309)

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