

I want a miracle!

Turning to faith, prayer, and community support helps sustain hope during desperate times. Believe that God hears you and can do the impossible. Replace doubt with trust in His power.

Key Bible Verses on Miracles and Hope

Psalms 77:14 *"Thou art the God that does wonders"* The Psalmist remembers God's past wonders to find comfort and hope in hard times.

Psalms 103:2-3: *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases;"*

Jeremiah 32:27 *"is there anything too hard for me?"* God uses this question to remind His people of His limitless power.

Matthew 17:20 *"nothing shall be impossible unto you"* Jesus explains that even small faith connects us to God's big power.

Luke 18:27 *"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God"* This verse reminds us that no situation is too hard for God to change.

Acts 3:16 *"And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know."* Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Romans 15:13 *"the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace"* This connects active trust in God directly to a growing sense of hope.

Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

Take a step of action: Move forward with obedience and practical effort, even before a breakthrough happens.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come **boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Cor 12:4&5 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: **10 to another the working of miracles...**

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with **all** thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

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

Philippians 4:5 *Let your moderation be known unto all men...*

Meaning of Moderation: Greek (*epieikes*), Translates closer to gentleness, sweet reasonableness, forbearance, or yielding spirit rather than just avoiding physical extremes. It means equitable, fair, and/or fitting. The operative adjective in Phil 4:5 is *ἐπιεικής* which occurs just five times in the NT - Phil 4:5, 1 Tim 3:3, Titus 3:2, James 3:17, 1 Peter 2:18. The cognate noun occurs in Acts 24:4, 2 Cor 10:1.

Not insisting on rights:

- Means not demanding every strict legal right or fighting over every minor offense.
- Balanced character: Shows an inner calm and fair treatment toward other people, even during conflicts.

Strong's Concordance 1933

Definition: seemly, equitable, yielding

Usage: gentle, mild, forbearing, fair, reasonable, moderate.

Note that Strong distinguishes between definition and usage. Definition is the lexical/dictionary meaning. Usage is the pragmatic range of meanings found in actual sentences.

1933 epieikēs (an adjective, derived from 1909 /epí, "on, fitting" and eikos, "equitable, fair"; also see the noun-form, 1932 /epieíkeia, "equity-justice") – properly, equitable; "gentle" in the sense of truly fair by relaxing overly strict standards in order to keep the "spirit of the law."

1933 epieikēs ("justice beyond ordinary justice") builds on the real intent (purpose) of what is really at stake (note the epi, "upon") – and hence, is true equity that appropriately fulfills the spirit (not just the letter) of the law.

- King James Bible translates it as *moderation*: "Let your moderation be known unto all men."
- Other 12 versions translate it as *gentle* or *gentleness*: "Let your gentleness be evident to all."
- And 4 versions use *reasonable*: "Let your reasonableness be known to everyone."

In any case, Paul's idea is that don't be so strict and extreme about the letter of the law; be fair minded, reasonable, and gentle. This is a good lesson for us all today.

The Context and Reason: *the Lord is near*: Paul adds "The Lord is at hand," meaning Christ's nearness or return gives believers peace and removes the need to fight for personal vindication.

Barnes suggests this: Let your moderation be known unto all men - That is, let it be such that others may see it. This does not mean that they were to make an ostentatious display of it, but that it should be such a characteristic of their lives that it would be constantly visible to others. The word "moderation" - ἐπιεικὲς (epieikes) - refers to restraint on the passions, general soberness of living, being free from all excesses.

The word properly means that which is fit or suitable, and then propriety, gentleness, mildness - They were to indulge in no excess of passion, or dress, or eating, or drinking. They were to govern their appetites, restrain their temper, and to be examples of what was proper for people in view of the expectation that the Lord would soon appear.