

x	The Greek world and x	The modern West and x	How the gospel addresses x (with quotes from Philippians in blue)
Feeling helpless in the hands of larger spiritual and political forces	Appease the spiritual forces with regular temple offerings; appease the political forces by being a good citizen.	Think globally, act locally. Be the change you want to see. And don't neglect your 401k.	Eph 3:18-21: "I pray you may know... his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come." <i>"I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel..."</i>
Money! How will I provide for my family? What if I lose my livelihood?	Network, work hard, rely on family and friends and hope for the best. Please them with your sacrifices and the gods will bless you.	Work for financial security. Make wise, prudent choices.	Mt 4:4: Humans do not live by bread alone. Mt 6:31+: "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." <i>"My God will meet all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."</i>
I fear shame— shame of failure , shame of people learning of my secret sins, shame by association with my people	Your honor is that of your family or tribe or people. Do your best by them, and hope they acquit themselves with honor.	Show your best self. Associate yourself with your best tribe, whether that's a country, team, profession, etc. Don't be afraid to mock others on facebook—it's a sign of bravery.	John 5:41: "I do not accept glory from human beings." Jn 17:1, "The hour has come. Glorify your Son that your Son may glorify you." <i>"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body." "Have the same mindset as Jesus Christ, who being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped... Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name." "Whatever was to my profit I now consider manure for the sake of Christ."</i>
I am chronically anxious . I can't seem to get any sort of peace. I may not let on but I am afraid.	Trust in the gods and in hard work. Rely on friends and alliances and for the gods' sake, take a little wine!	Practice mindfulness. Exercise. Focus on the things you do control. And treat yourself to a glass of wine or craft beer once in a while.	Mt 6:26, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" <i>"I have learned the secret of contentment in any and all situations." (And Paul did know anxiety—cf. 2:28.) Facets of the secret: rejoice (4:4); focus on the good and noble (4:8); talk to God (4:6); be single-minded in pursuit of the gospel (3:13)</i>
My health: ageing; chronic pain; cancer; sudden death or lingering decay, loss and THEN death	Doctors (such as they were); healers; the blessings of the gods.	Stay in shape; eat right; lower your stress; make the most of the time you've got.	James 5:14, "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up." "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor" (Luke 7:22). (But remember: sometimes God answered prayers for Paul to get out of prison; other times, as in Philippians, he used him in prison. That's how God works with our trials.) <i>"To live is Christ, to die is gain." "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." "We await a savior...who...by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."</i>

