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Let your moderation be known unto all men.

Let this conduct, character trait be known unto all men.

"Your gentleness," "your sweet reasonableness",

Your Graciousness and you are considerate.

That is, let it be such that others may see it.

All men

Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

This does not mean that they were to make an ostentatious display of it, but that it should be such a characteristic of our lives that it would be constantly visible to others.

The word *moderation* refers to self-restraint on the passions, soberness of living, being free from all excesses.

Having a Governor – not getting out of bounds in living

The word properly means that which is *fit or suitable*.

Living in excess, living excessively

They were not 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 in view of the expectation that the Lord would soon appear.

The Lord is nigh. Very near

He is at hand and could come at any time.

This helps encourage our moderation.

Self-restraint

Opposite thinking today amongst Christians.

Sports, work, hunting, hobbies

Moderation in feelings-

Anger

Christian movement today that wants us to indulge ourselves fully.

Revelation 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed *is* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

I am with you always.

Omnipresence of God. Psalm 139

Death is at the door,
judgment is at hand, and hell is opening its mouth to swallow up the worldly!

"The Lord is at hand."

Psalms 145:18 The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

The Lord is at hand to help us and to discipline us.

Just be aware that God is nigh. That should motivate us to moderation in all things.