

STUDY THE WORD
Philippians 2:12-18 NIV

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” ¹⁶ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁷ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁸ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁹ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.



PRAY THE WORD –
PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

- ◆ Thank God we have the opportunity to obey the Bible. God does not pass the impossible.
- ◆ Ask God to help you put your faith into action.
- ◆ Thank God he works in us to fulfill his good purpose.
- ◆ Ask God for wisdom as you choose not to grumble or argue.
- ◆ Ask God to help you shine for him as your whole firm to the Word of God.

EXPLORE THE WORD

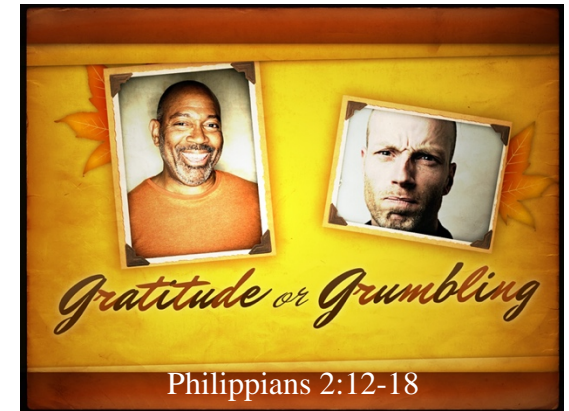
Sunday: Philippians 2:12-18 Do everything without grumbling
Mon: John 3:21-24 Obey His commands—love one another
Tuesday: Hebrews 13:15-21 Don’t forget to do good and share
Wed.: Ephesians 1:3-14 Spiritual blessings in Christ
Thurs: 1 Peter 4:7-11 Love one another ... without grumbling
Friday: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 be blameless and holy...
Saturday: Phil. 2:19-30 PREPARE for tomorrows service.

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HELPING PEOPLE FOLLOW JESUS

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Big Idea: Gratefulness and graciousness are outward manifestations of God's work in the Christian's heart

SERMON NOTES

Memory Verses Philippians 2:14NIV

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”

In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17 NIV

To become a mature, spiritually reproducing follower of Jesus we have to interact with the Bible. These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the Word of God and put it into action.



In Phil. 2:12-18 Paul is encouraging followers of Jesus to pursue progress in their Christian life.

How do you make sure you are growing spiritually? How have you put biblical commands into practice?

What signs have you seen in the past three months that show spiritual growth in your life?

Today’s passage is influenced by Deut. 32:5—an example of Israel’s complaining. Paul knows that disunity exists in the Philippian church (see 2:2 and 4:2).

How does disunity destroy a relationship or a church?

Paul emphasizes the importance of obeying God. When we take our eyes off of Him, most will have a tendency to grumble and argue. In Israel’s past this type of behavior led to divine judgment. Numbers 11:1-3 shows one judgment. On another occasion grumbling led to the nation wandering in the wilderness for 40 years (Numbers 14).
How do you prepare yourself to have a heart of gratitude instead of grumbling?

How do you work toward building unity in our church?

Here are just a few of the dozens of verses that emphasize unity in the church. (ESV)
1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind,
1 Cor1:10 that you be united in the same mind ...
Col. 3:4 put on love, ... together in perfect harmony
2 Cor. 13:11 ... agree with one another,
Rom. 15:16 with one voice glorify the God
Eph. 4:1-6 walk in a manner worthy of the calling
Eph. 4:3 agree to maintain the unity of the Spirit
Rom. 14:19 pursue what makes for peace ...
Psalm 133:1 pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
Rom. 12:4-5 in one body we have many members
Rom. 15:5 live in such harmony with one another,
Matt. 18:15 you have gained your brother.
Gal 3:28 for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Evaluate the above statements. Spend some time thinking about them this week. How might they be put into practice in your life?

NOTES

V. 12 continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling

Note:

The biblical concept of salvation needs to be understood in order to comprehend Paul's intent here. Salvation has many aspects, including a present one. Regeneration initiates the believer into a life with obligations. Acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord obligates the believer to obey him. Hence, working out salvation does not mean "working for" salvation, but making salvation operational.

Expositor's Bible Commentary,
Exposition of Philippians