

Review:

Phil 2:4, look out for interests of others! Verses 5 – 11 The Supremacy, humility, and exhalation of Christ!

Verse 12 Faith and Works

Therefore humility of Jesus. He didn't cling to things that were rightfully His but let go of them all. He chose to focus on teaching and helping people rather than worry about His own rights and glory.

Always Obeyed GK: from “under” and “hear”. Being under a person takes humility, sacrifice, letting go. Aorist *Indicative* Active. If you love me you will obey {hear and be under} my commands. (John 14:15)

Absence How we behave when no one is looking is really a measure of the depth of our faith walk.

Paul is in jail. How does he know Philippians are obeying?

Traffic ticket. Gum on pants. How'd parents find out before I got home?

(Continue to) **Work out** GK: Present Imperative Active (Lowu) to cause a state to be. **Me**: Process resulting in bringing something to a conclusion. How can we **work out** your **salvation**?

- Does that mean earn our salvation? NO Eph 2:10.
- Living for Christ. You have a problem with your relative, friend, neighbor, co-worker: work it out!
- Speaks to “effective” work. One can work at a job and not accomplish much. English word “energy”

Sanctification: Immediate through Christ. Ongoing throughout our lives as we become more holy.

Fear GK: (II Cor 7:15) (Rom 11:20) Phobos. Profound respect and awe towards deity! We get the word “phobia”. When you have a phobia, you pay a lot of attention to that phobia. One respects and honors the phobia and are careful with handling the phobia in their life.

Trembling GK: (Lowu) to shake or tremble, often with the implication of fear and/or consternation.

- Because we are afraid of God? Fearful he will squash us if we sin? NO NO NO...
- God gave us new life. We're responsible 2 develop it “with fear & trembling” because of importance of it!

Verse 13 Why we must work out with fear and trembling!

For GK: (Lowu) a marker of cause or reason between events. **Because!!**

Is GK Present Indicative Active **God** (He is right now and will continue (PAP) to work!)

Works GK: **PAP** Same GK as “work” in **verse 12**. Allow the process to proceed. **God** doesn't give up on us!

- To **Will** – GK: (Zodhiates) To will, wish, desire, implying active volition and purpose. God wills for us to be moving forward in our spiritual walk touching others for Christ! **Present Infinitive Active**
- To **Act** - We need to be doing. Taking action. **GK**: Present Infinitive Active

Vine and the Branches from **John 15:1-5**. (5)Without me, you can do nothing! **Phil 4:13**

(**Dave Jeremiah**): Work out what God is working in you! Share with others. Let your light shine forth.

According to GK: Rockefeller Caddy dime story.

Good Pleasure GK (Lowu) that which pleases someone. **Eph 1:6, 9**

Two Parts Of Spiritual Growth

- Verse 12b Work out – my part.
 - Farmer work's the land, not to get the land, but to develop what they already Possess. God gave us new life. Now I am responsible to develop it ... “with fear and trembling”
 - Imagine the wisest financial planner coming to visit you for free to make you set for life! Fear and Tremble because of all s/he will do for you!
- Verse 13a Works in – God's part as who uses us as a channel to touch others!

What is God trying to do in our lives and through us to minister to others?

Working through us gives the God of universe EXTREME pleasure!

Amp: 13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing & creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure & satisfaction & delight.

Verse 14 Mindset

Do GK: Present Imperative Carries idea of tarrying in a place to accomplish and keep accomplishing.

Everything/all things without

- **Complaining/murmuring GK:** mutter and groan. Make a murmur sound. Repeat 5x. **Ex 16:9** People's murmuring against Moses was really against God! Jews slaves for 400 years! When delivered, how quickly they murmured! Why weren't they **joy filled**? Had the cloud & the pillar of fire right there!! When complain against people, we really are complaining against God.
 - Lifestyle of the world is to murmur and complain!
- **Arguing GK:** Reasons, opinions, thoughts, and directions with focus on arguing over those differences. **Phil 2:4.** Don't look out for your own interests. "**agree to disagree**" Unity of Spirit – bond of Peace.

Allow Him to work through you without complaining or arguing with him or his co-laborers.

- Why does that person get to do that while I'm stuck with this?
- Who is that guy that he was given that task?
- **Phil 4:2** Euodia and Syntyche These chapters about unity build up to prepare to address their dispute(s).
- Underlying current of disunity, backbiting, bickering going on in Philippian church.
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Verse 15 Why not Complain or Argue?

May become/prove GK: (Lowu) possess certain characteristics, with implication of their having been acquired Aorist Subjunctive Middle They haven't arrived yet!

Blameless w/o fault. GK: Without any type of fault or blame.

In Christ we are "blameless" in God's eyes.

We need to stay as "blameless" as possible in man's eyes.

- **Luke 1:6** Zechariah and Elizabeth "righteous" yet Zech was mute!
- **Dan 6:4** the gov't officials made accusations against Daniel; but none stuck!

Pure unmixed. GK: (Vincent) unmixed, with absence of foreign mixture.

Like pure gold without and fillers or dross. Fillers in pet food and other foods. Not Pure nor DANGEROUS!! Evil is like the bad fillers in pet food. We don't want a mixture of evil with our walk.

- Job 1:1 He was blameless and upright!
- God utilized Daniel to guide Nebie and world kingdoms.
- People may accuse and condemn us, but being blameless and pure influences them! **Phil 1:27-28!**

Crooked GK Scolio English back scoliosis Something that is supposed straight but is twisted.

- Some churches look religious, but are not God honoring. They choose to be "progressive".
- A witness in today's world. Our witness needs to shine, not be tarnished.

Depraved/Perverse GK:(Lowu) cause one to depart from correct behavior & thus engage in serious wrongdoing

- The world has really drifted from following God.
- The world went on its merry way right up until the time of Noah's flood.
- People go out of their way to lead others into wrongdoing. **II Tim 3:1-5** READ together.

Shine: GK: Give light. Illuminate! Just like the Heavenly Stars shine brightly and beautifully

Contrast holding out "Word of Life" shining like stars blameless and pure verses being living in darkness. What will have more impact in sharing the Word of Life? We are the DIFFERENCE Makers!

Matt 5:15 Luke 11:33 Light under a basket. **John 18:2** Light of World. **1 Peter 1:15-16** Be holy because I am

Verse 16 The Race we all Run and Rewards!

Hold Out Can be **both** “hold on to” and “hold out” **Secular GK** usage: “Offer wine to guests”
We concurrently hold out the Word of Life to others and we cling to it ourselves!

Boast/glory GK: focus is on the “object” of boasting or glorying.

Day of Christ Phil 1:6 Jesus’ second coming. **I Cor 1:7 – 8** II Tim 4:8 “His Appearing!”

Run GK: Literally “something carried”. With idea of “to bear”. What is Paul bearing?

- **II Cor 11:28** face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.
- **Gal 2:2 (read)** run my race in vain.

We all run as we serve Him in life: **Eph 4:11-12**

Labor GK: Engaging hard work that includes difficulties and troubles leading to being worn out. Exhaustion.

Nothing/Vain “without effect” Contrast **Gal 4:11** I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you.

5 CROWNS**The Crown of Rejoicing: I Thes 2:19**

A reward for those who assist in the leading or actually lead one to Christ. The Bible says that there is much rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents (Lk 15:7.)

The Incorruptible Crown: I Cor 9:25

A reward for those who strive to have mastery over the Old Man or sinful. Not that they ever reach “perfection”, but that s/he lives a separated life to God constantly cleansed by confession.

The Crown of Life: James 1:12

A reward for those who endure and abide under the trials we all encounter in our Christian walk.

The Crown of Righteousness: II Tim 4:8

A reward for all those who LOVE the Lord by keeping the faith and finishing their God assigned race.

The Crown of Glory: I Peter 5:4

A reward specifically for pastors, shepherds, and ministers to the flock.

Verse 17 Giving it all we have!

Being GK: Present Indicative **Middle**.

Poured out GK: (Zodhiates) to pour out oneself, as one’s blood, to offer up one’s strength and life.

- II Cor 12:15 Read about Paul’s attitude of giving of himself. **Phils were complaining and arguing**
- II Tim 4:6 same word usage about his second imprisonment about to be decapitated.

Drink Offering Old Testament. Had nothing to do with redemption. Genesis 35:14

OT **Drink Offering** literally Libation. Added onto another offering as **ACT OF WORSHIP**. Dump wine on the white hot alter after a sacrifice. Wine evaporates immediately.

GK: (Wuest) “Paul uses this drink-offering to speak of the violent death he will someday die as a martyr.”
Paul’s death is a drink offering of worship on all the **efforts** and **sacrifice** of Philippians’ **faith Chp 1:4-6**.

Service: GK: (Wuest) is from a Greek word used of the religious service of the Old Testament priests.

Paul poured out his life for them while alive and will in death as his blood is spilt for his testimony.

(**McGee**) Paul is saying, “I want my life to be poured out like a drink offering on the offering of Christ.”

Glad/joy GK: (Wuest) enjoy a state of happiness or well-being together with someone else.

Rejoice! James 1:2 Rejoice GK word comes from this word in Phil 2:17!

- Paul’s life means nothing! Your faith is prominent and important.
- Paul tells them not to fixate on him and potential outcome of death.

Verse 18 Attitude at the End

Philippians poured out themselves for Paul by meeting his needs in Rome and in Philippi. Again and again they sent Paul aide. Now their opportunity to help was going to disappear. Imagine how Philippians must have felt?

You GK: empathetic personal pronoun

Glad GK: PIM to joy, rejoice, be glad. (Lowu) enjoy a state of happiness and well-being.

Rejoice GK: PIN (Lowu) enjoy a state of happiness or well-being together with someone else.

- Unity theme.
- Don't argue or complain.
- Peter looked at John and asked about him to Jesus John 21:20-22
- Let go of your personal opinions and come together as one! **Phil 1:27 – 28.**

Applications for Us**1. God's working in us!**

- a. We worry about saying right thing when witnessing or ministering.
- b. God works in us to will and act according to His will and good pleasure.
- c. We only need to get out of the way and let him work.
- d. His Word will accomplish His purpose!
- e. We don't ever need to feel like we did not make something happen as we minister!

2. Letting our light shine. Psalm 119:105

- a. How well is our light shining around others? Shining like the stars? The stars guided captains as they navigated their ships.
- b. Song: I'm going to let my little light shine.

3. Runing our Race. Crowns

- a. Do we know in what way we are to serve? Eph 2:10
- b. How do we find out? We walk and offer ourselves to help keeping in mind it is God who works in us.

4. Mess up in Life?

- a. King David's messes.
 - 1) Bathsheba
 - 2) Mismanaged his sons like Absalom etc.
 - 3) Numbered the people!
- b. Yet God called David a "Man after His Own Heart"!
- c. No matter how much we mess up in life, God always loves us!
 - 1) As his kids, he can't love us any less.
 - 2) He can't love us to a higher degree than he already does.
 - 3) God loves us all the time!
 - 4) God is GOOD all the time!