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KEY IDEA

Paul teaches that Christian maturity is not simply about what we _____; it is about allowing what God has done in us to become visible through how we _____.



Key Verse — Philippians 2:12–13

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

I. WORK OUT WHAT GOD IS WORKING IN

Philippians 2:12–13

Paul tells the Philippians to “work out your own _____.”

This does not mean that we work for our salvation. It means that we live out the implications of the salvation God has already given us.

There is a difference between:

Working FOR salvation = trying to _____ it.

Working OUT salvation = allowing salvation to become _____ in our lives.

Paul immediately balances human responsibility with divine activity:

“For it is _____ who works in you...”

Christian discipleship involves both divine _____ and human _____.

God is working IN us so that His work can be demonstrated _____ us.

“Fear and Trembling”

“Fear and trembling” does not mean living terrified that God will suddenly take salvation away.

It describes approaching God with _____, seriousness, humility, and awe.

Fill in the principle:

We don’t work FOR salvation; we work _____ what God has already worked _____ us.

II. YOUR ATTITUDE IS PART OF YOUR WITNESS

Philippians 2:14–16

“Do all things without murmurings and disputings...”

Paul specifically warns the church against:

_____ and _____

The word translated “murmuring” recalls Israel’s wilderness experience. Israel had been _____ by God but continually complained about God’s provision.

Paul does not want the Philippian church repeating the same pattern. God can bring you OUT of Egypt while Egypt is still operating _____ you.

Why does attitude matter?

Because Paul connects the church’s behavior with its _____ to the world.

He says believers should:

“shine as _____ in the world.”

The church does not shine merely because it gathers on _____.

The church shines because it demonstrates a different way of living in the middle of a _____ world.

Holding Fast / Holding Forth

Paul tells them to hold fast to the “word of _____.”

Our witness requires both:

_____ the Word

and

_____ the Word

Reflection

What behaviors can dim the witness of a church?

Fill in the principle:

You cannot separate Christian _____ from Christian _____.



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III. PAUL — A LIFE POURED OUT

Philippians 2:17–18

Paul says:

“If I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy...”

The imagery is that of a _____ offering being poured over a sacrifice.

Paul views his suffering not merely as something happening TO him but as something that can be offered _____ God.

This follows the pattern of Jesus described earlier in Philippians 2.

Jesus _____ Himself.

Paul is willing to be _____ out.

The gospel transforms our understanding of sacrifice.

Important Principle

Christian service asks:

Not simply, “What will this cost me?”

but,

“How can my life be _____ for the glory of God and the good of others?”

Paul even connects sacrifice with _____.

This means Christian joy is not necessarily the absence of _____; it is the presence of purpose in the middle of it.

IV. TIMOTHY — GENUINE CONCERN FOR PEOPLE

Philippians 2:19–24

Paul now moves from theology to living _____. Timothy becomes an example of what the mindset of Christ actually looks like.

Paul says:

“I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.”

The word translated “likeminded” communicates being _____.

Timothy shares Paul’s concern for the church.

Paul contrasts Timothy with people who:

“seek their _____, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.”

This connects directly back to Philippians 2:4:

“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of _____.”

Timothy teaches us:

Spiritual maturity is revealed by what — and _____ — we genuinely care about.

You can be:

gifted without being _____,

knowledgeable without being _____,

and religious without being _____.

Timothy demonstrates a faith that genuinely cares about _____.

Reflection

Do people experience my Christianity primarily through what I say, or through how I care?

V. EPAPHRODITUS — FAITHFULNESS AT GREAT COST

Philippians 2:25–30

Paul describes Epaphroditus with several titles:

“My _____”

“My companion in _____”

“My fellow _____.”

These descriptions show different dimensions of Christian ministry.

A brother emphasizes _____.

A worker emphasizes _____.

A soldier emphasizes _____.

Epaphroditus became seriously ill while carrying out his ministry.

Paul says:

“For the work of Christ he was nigh unto _____.”

Epaphroditus demonstrates that faithfulness is sometimes _____.

Following Jesus does not guarantee that ministry will always be comfortable, convenient, or safe.

Paul tells the church:

“Hold such in _____.”

In other words, the church should recognize and honor people whose lives demonstrate sacrificial _____.



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VI. THREE LIVING EXAMPLES OF PHILIPPIANS 2

Philippians 2 begins with Jesus as the supreme example of humility and then gives us three human examples.

PAUL

A life _____ out

He demonstrates: _____

TIMOTHY

A life genuinely concerned about _____

He demonstrates: _____

EPAPHRODITUS

A life willing to risk everything for the work of _____

He demonstrates: _____

Paul is showing the Philippians:

This is what the mind of Christ looks like when it gets _____.

VII. THE BIG MOVEMENT OF PHILIPPIANS 2

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ's _____

Philippians 2:12-16

The church's _____

Philippians 2:17-18

Paul's _____

Philippians 2:19-24

Timothy's _____

Philippians 2:25-30

Epaphroditus' _____

The chapter moves from THEOLOGY to _____.

Paul does not merely want the Philippians to understand the mind of Christ.

He wants them to _____ it.

VIII. FIVE TAKEAWAYS

1. Salvation should become _____ in the way we live.
2. God works _____ us while we work _____ what He has done.
3. Our _____ can either strengthen or weaken our witness.
4. Christian maturity is measured partly by our concern for _____.
5. The mind of Christ produces a life willing to _____ for the sake of others.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is the difference between "working for" salvation and "working out" salvation? _____
2. Why do you think Paul connects complaining with the church's witness? _____
3. Where are Christians most tempted to blend in instead of "shine as lights"? _____
4. Which example challenges you most—Paul, Timothy, or Epaphroditus? Why? _____
5. What would it look like for the "mind of Christ" to become visible in your life this week? _____

FINAL THOUGHT

God is working _____ you so that the life of Christ can be seen _____ you.

MY PERSONAL APPLICATION

This week, God is challenging me to:

