

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-30

Memorize Philippians 2:3-11. Yes \_\_\_\_! Said to \_\_\_\_\_.

Review Philippians 1:6.

Read Philippians at one sitting. Jot down the ideas that have meant the most to you thus far.

Read Philippians 2:12-30 two times. 1)\_\_\_\_ 2)\_\_\_\_\_.

1. What relationship do verses 12-16 have to the section that has gone before (1:27-2:11)? (Notice the conjunction that joins the two sections.)

2. What relationship does 2:17-30 have to the section 2:12-16?

Read again Philippians 2:12-16.

3. A Bible dictionary or a regular dictionary will tell you that "salvation" means "deliverance through" or "preservation". IN TERMS OF THE CONTEXT of the preceding section, what does it mean to "work out your salvation?" That is, what salvation did Paul have in mind and how do you work it out?

4. Why must we work it out "with *fear* and *trembling*?"

5. What relationship does verse 13 have to verse 12? (Notice the word "for" to see the relationship.)
  
6. What does verse 13 tell you about the working out of one's salvation?
  
7. What is the significance of *God's* working both to *will* and *work* (*act* NIV)? What do these terms mean?
  
8. What is the practical result of God so acting?
  
9. Notice that "his" in the last line of verse 13 is italicized (NASB). This means the word does *not* appear in the Greek text and was supplied by the translators. A good reading would be "for the desired (thing)." What is the desired thing? (Remember the CONTEXT -- that is, the sections before and after this one.)
  
10. Now read verses 12-16 again. What are the *two* commands (things we're told to *do*) in this section?
  
11. What relationship does verse 15 have to verse 14?

12. According to the CONTEXT (sections before and after), what are the *things* (verse 14) we must do?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What is the difference between grumbling and disputing (NASB) or complaining and arguing (NIV)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. Please give some thought to this *personal* question. Where, at this point in time, do *you* need to apply verse 14? In what situation or with whom? Write initials if you must but PLEASE let God show you. (You won't be asked to share on this unless you want to.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. Verse 15 supplies the result of the action commanded in verse 14. What are the results?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
16. What does verse 16 mean to you? (Think from whom they had received "the word of life.")

Read Philippians 2:17-30.

17. You'll notice that these verses give us a series of examples to illustrate the two commands in verses 12-16. (See question 10.) How does each illustrate these commands?
  - a. Paul (verses 17-18)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Timothy (verses 19-24)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Epaphroditus (verses 25-30)

18. Restate in your own words the fundamental principle(s) taught in Philippians 2:12-30.

19. What from this passage was most:  
a. encouraging to you?

b. challenging to you?

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