

PHILIPPIANS

Finding Joy in Every Season



FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is there anything that you are afraid of? What is it? Why does it cause you to fear?
2. When are you most tempted to complain or argue?

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Read Philippians 2:12 in the International Children’s Bible Translation below.

“My dear friends, you have always obeyed. You obeyed God when I was with you. It is even more important that you obey now while I am not with you.

1. How were the Philippians a good example of obedience? What is Paul’s desire for them when He is not with them?
2. What are some commands that you know King Jesus has given us to follow?

Read & Reflect on Philippians 2:13

“Work out your salvation [sanctification] with fear and trembling.” ESV

“Yes, God is working in you to help you want to do what pleases him. Then he gives you the power to do it.” ICB

*Before we get confused and think that Paul is talking about working **for** our salvation, let us remember that Jesus purchased our salvation by HIS perfect works and we are saved by believing in His blood shed for us on the cross. So we have been justified by the divine judge and declared “innocent” through faith in Christ, and now God is saving us from the power of sin in our lives and desires to see us grow to be more like Jesus every day. This process is a big word called sanctification. So we are striving to be more like Jesus not so that He will accept us, but because He already has!*

3. Have you trusted that the life Christ lived for you and died for you will save you from eternal punishment? Do you believe that because He was raised from the dead with a body that will never die again that you too will be raised from the grave someday with a body that will never die?

For God so **LOVED** the world that He *gave* His one and **ONLY** Son, that whoever *believes* in Him shall not perish but have *eternal life!* John 3:16

4. One of the greatest purposes in your life is to become like Jesus. He created us in the image of God to reflect what He is like. When Adam and Eve sinned, all humans became flawed pictures of what God is like, but now, through faith in Christ, we can begin to look more and more like Christ and reflect what God is like to the world. What are some ways that you can make an effort to be more like Jesus every day?
5. Who gives you the desire to be more like Jesus and to obey Him? Who gives you the ability to obey?

Read & Reflect on Philippians 2:14-18. Underline the words or phrases that stand out to you.

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing. 15 Then you will be innocent and without anything wrong in you. You will be God's children without fault. But you are living with crooked and mean people all around you. Among them you shine like stars in the dark world. 16 You offer to them the teaching that gives life. So when Christ comes again, I can be happy because my work was not wasted. I ran in the race and won. 17 Your faith makes you offer your lives as a sacrifice in serving God. Perhaps I will have to offer my own blood with your sacrifice. But if that happens, I will be happy and full of joy with all of you. 18 You also should be happy and full of joy with me.

6. One aspect of growing to be like Jesus is to obey the command in verse 14 "to do everything without _____ & _____."

FOR FUN: Go into the darkest room you can find. Parents, share with your child/children that this is like the world without Jesus - lost in the darkness. Bring in a candle or flashlight. Light the candle and talk about how we are meant to be lights in this dark world by living for Jesus and growing to be like Jesus. Talk about how our complaining and arguing snuffs out our candle or covers the light that would otherwise come out of our flashlight. God made our lives to shine!

PRAYER POINT

- Pray that God would give you a desire to obey Jesus in everything.
- Ask the Lord to help you to put to death complaining and grumbling and learn to grow in gratitude.
- Thank God for putting you in a Christian family and giving you a desire and ability to walk in His ways.

Do everything without grumbling and complaining...

Let's practice:



When you are served a meal that is not your favourite....
What is the wrong response?
What is the right response?



When you are told to get dressed for the day...
What is the wrong response?
What is the right response?



When your sibling or friend does not want to play what you do...
What is the wrong response?
What is the right response?



When you are asked to do your chores...
What is the wrong response?
What is the right response?

Can you think of any other situations where you might be tempted to complain? How could you respond differently to those situations this week?



Do all things without grumbling or disputing, PHILIPPIANS 2:14

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Philippians 2:14-16

Copy the Scripture below. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated 10 times for copying the scripture.