

# Philippians 1:12-18a

*Emphatic position  
Necessary "to know" this!*

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you (to know) brethren, that (my) circumstances <sup>(+)</sup> <sup>#1</sup> have turned out for the (greater progress) of (the gospel), <sup>(-)</sup> <sup>#2</sup> <sup>13</sup> so

*Knowledge of this:  
(+) Positive & Negative (-) Circumstances*

*Roman "chains" (3x)* that (my) imprisonment <sup>(-)</sup> <sup>#2</sup> in the (cause of Christ) has become well

known throughout the whole (praetorian) guard and to

*Emperor's personal troops*

(everyone else), <sup>(+)</sup> <sup>14</sup> and that most of the (brethren, trusting) in

the Lord because of (my) imprisonment <sup>(-)</sup> <sup>#3</sup>, have far more

(courage to speak) the (word of God) without fear. <sup>(+)</sup> <sup>#4</sup> <sup>15</sup> Some, to

be sure, are (preaching Christ) even from (envy and strife), but

*Chiasm: Center is the point - literally  
-A B  
B A  
-A B  
Positive motives for proclaiming Word*

some also from (good will), <sup>(+)</sup> <sup>16</sup> the latter do it (out of love), <sup>(+)</sup> <sup>#5</sup>

*"Knowing" vs "Thinking"* (knowing) that I am (appointed) for the defense of (the gospel), <sup>(-)</sup> <sup>#6</sup> <sup>17</sup> the former (proclaim Christ) out of (selfish ambition) rather

*impure motives* (pure motives) (thinking) to (cause me distress) in *"Thinking" vs "Knowing"*

(my) imprisonment. <sup>(-)</sup> <sup>18</sup> What then? Only that in every way,

whether in (pretense) or in (truth) (Christ is proclaimed) and in

*Joy!* this (I rejoice)

*Why?*

- Word is unchained. Gospel is triumphant.
- External & Internal opposition cannot stop the power & purposes of God.
- They promote that which they seek to oppose