

Shining Like Stars Notes

Philippians 2:12-18

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Main Point: It's time to work out what God has worked in you.

Live it Out (vs. 12)

1. They have problems with pride, they're dealing with disunity, and two women are in a big fight, but Paul calls them his _____ believers.
2. After highlighting their reciprocal relationship, he affirms their commitment to _____.
3. Paul affirms them for what they've been doing even though he is absent from them, while encouraging them to take their next _____.
4. We don't work "for" our salvation, or "toward" it, or even "at" it, but we are to work it "_____."
5. The word "work" means to "work fully to the point of _____ the job."
6. At salvation God deposited a wealth of blessings into our lives; we're to go down deep to _____ and enjoy what we've been given.
7. The phrase "fear and trembling" helps us see we must never take our faith _____ or tritely.
8. "Fear" describes fright or terror and reverential _____.
9. We must have so much reverence and respect for God that we will be _____ to sin, coupled with a strong desire to please Him.
10. The reason we can work "out" our salvation is because God has worked salvation "_____" us.
11. God's work involves two aspects:
 - God works _____ our will (Ezra 1:1).
 - God works to _____ us work.
12. The phrase "good pleasure" expresses the idea of "great _____" and "satisfaction."
13. God equips us to want to do His will, and He works in us so we can do His will, He _____ us to do what He is asking us to do.

Let it Go (vs 14)

1. Verse 14 is one of the most challenging verses in Philippians.
2. The word "do" is another word that emphasizes energy and _____.
3. Notice this covers "all things" which refers to _____ situation, every place, every inconvenience, and every irritation.
4. "Grumbling" is the low toned murmuring and muttering we do against God and others which often takes place at an _____ level.

5. The word literally means, “a _____ displeasure I the heart, and a sullen discontent that leads to criticism.”
6. “Disputing” in Philippians 2:14 is what happens when our complaining spills over into _____, when our misery seeks to manipulate others to comply with our complaints.
7. Reasons to cauterize complaining from our lives:
 - Complaining _____ God’s sovereignty.
 - Complaining disrupts _____ because it leads us to criticize others.
 - Complaining leads to a _____ outlook on all of life.
 - Complaining releases cortisol, which can raise blood pressure.
 - Complaining is _____.
 - Complaining _____ our testimony.

Light it Up (vs. 15)

1. The word “crooked” is the root word for “scoliosis” which means _____ or warped.
2. “Twisted” refers to that which is _____.
3. Four ways we can respond to our crooked and twisted world.
 - We can _____ by spending our time in holy huddles.
 - We can _____ and imitate those around us.
 - We can _____ lost people with our attitudes and actions.
 - We can _____ the darkness by shining and sharing the Word of God.
4. Believers are to be bold and bright, shining _____ of God’s grace.

Lean Into It (vs. 16)

1. Verse 16 tells us we’re to shine but we’re also to _____.
2. The phrase “holding fast” means to “_____”, or to offer a cold glass of water to someone at a banquet.”
3. Ways for us to lean into the Word.
 - Hear (Romans 10:17)
 - Read (Revelation 1:3)
 - Study (Acts 17:11)
 - Memorize (Psalm 119:9-11)
 - Meditate (Psalm 1:2-3)

Lay it Down (vs. 17-18)

1. God wants us to be _____ first and secondly to serve. He doesn’t want occasional acts of service; but instead demands our very lives.
2. The word “pour” means to pour out an _____ as an act of worship.
3. Paul is saying that his life is like this final sacrifice (2 Corinthians 12:15, 2 Timothy 4:6).

Laugh it Up (vs. 17-18)

1. The best antidote to grumbling is to be _____ in the Lord.
2. This joy only comes as we sacrifice all to the Savior and live lives of _____.