

Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians

“Making Something Good from Something Bad” David Owens

Philippians 1:12-14

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Introduction:

- A. _____ makes a difference.
- B. It is like the difference between focusing on the _____ or the _____.
- C. God is able to use any situation in our lives for our _____ and for the good of His _____.
- D. Paul is the prime example of someone who had the right _____ toward all his _____.

I. The Way of Christ is the Way of the _____

- A. Anyone who follows Christ must pick up their cross _____ (Mark 8:34).
- B. Paul knew the reality of this _____ in a _____ way (Acts 9:15-16).
- C. We must arm ourselves with an attitude that is prepared for trouble and _____ (John 16:33; Acts 5:40; 1 Peter 2:20-21).

II. Something _____ can be used for _____ (1:12-14)

- A. Paul declared that his imprisonment served to _____ the gospel.
- B. Clarification: Not _____ that happens to a believer is _____.
- C. God can make something _____ from something _____.
- D. How does that happen?
 - 1. Our sufferings can stimulate public _____.
 - 2. Our sufferings can authenticate our _____.
 - 3. Our suffering for Christ will encourage other believers to new _____.

III. All that Matters is that _____ is _____ (1:15-18)

- A. Paul's _____ saw Paul's imprisonment as an opportunity to advance their own _____ and _____.
- B. Paul's faith in the Lord convinced him that God's _____ could accomplish its mission even if those who delivered it were _____ all they should be.

Conclusion:

- A. Paul had the right kind of attitude.
 - 1. Paul had decided ahead of time that he would _____ in the Lord and find _____ trusting in God.
 - 2. Paul had decided ahead of time that the Christian life included a _____.
 - 3. Paul had decided ahead of time that God can make something _____ from something _____.
 - 4. Paul had decided ahead of time that all that matters is that the _____ of Christ is _____.
 - 5. Our joy comes from deciding ahead of time to pick up our _____ daily and follow Christ, and leave everything else in God's _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Attitude. B. doughnut, hole. C. good, Kingdom. D. attitude, circumstances. I. Cross. I.A. daily. I.B. truth, personal. I.C. hardship. II. Bad, Good. II.A. advance. II.B. everything, good. II.C. good, bad. II.D.1. interest. II.D.2. witness. II.D.3. zeal. III. Christ, Preached. III.A. influence, prestige. III.B. Word, Not. Concl.A.1. trust, joy. A.2. cross. A.3. good, bad. A.4. message, preached. A.5. cross, hands.