

Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians

“The Call to Completion”

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Philippians 2:12-18

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Introduction:

- A. Story from 1968 Mexico City Olympics - John Stephen Akhwani (Tanzanian).
- B. No matter how well you _____, they'll forget you before tomorrow if you don't _____ well.
- C. The Christian life is like a _____ or a _____.
- D. The Christian life is a call to _____.
- E. Before Paul moved into his challenge, he began with a word of _____.

I. The _____ of a Christian (2:12b)

- A. The goal or aim is to _____ you _____.
- B. The verb “work out” carries with it the meaning of “work to _____.”
- C. This aim has implications for both the _____ and _____ of our life in Christ.
- D. We must strive for growth toward _____ and _____.
- E. We should work out our salvation with fear and trembling because spiritual things are _____ business with _____ consequences.

II. The _____ of a Christian (2:13)

- A. God has promised that He will _____ us carry out His will.
- B. Consider the illustration of power _____ or power _____.
- C. God's _____ is available to assist us (Eph. 1:18-19; 3:20; Phil. 4:13).

III. The _____ of a Christian (2:14-16a)

- A. We are called to _____ living in the midst of a crooked and depraved _____.
- B. There should be such a _____ contrast between our behavior and the world's that we stand out like _____ in the universe.
- C. With holiness in mind, Paul mentioned two specific actions that are unbecoming for the Christian—_____ and _____.

IV. The _____ of a Christian (2:16b-18)

- A. There is a twofold joy and assurance that comes to those whose walk is right with God - there is the joy of the “_____ and _____” and the joy of the “_____.”

Conclusion:

- A. A story from last summer's Olympic games in Rio - runners Abbey D'Agostino (USA) and Nikki Hamblin (NZ).
- B. I hope this story will inspire us to _____ each other move on toward _____ of the Christian race - we need each other!

Answer Key: Intro.B. start, finish. C. car, race, marathon. D. Completion. E. appreciation. I. Aim. I.A. work, out, salvation. I.B. completion. I.C. quality, duration. I.D. maturity, completeness. I.E. serious, eternal. II. Ability. II.A. help. II.B. steering, brakes. II.C. power. III. Actions. III.A. holy, world. III.B. stark, stars. III.C. complaining, arguing. IV. Assurance. IV.A. here, now, hereafter. Concl.B. help, completion.