

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////



This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.

For Discussion:

1. Why is humility the antidote to disunity?
2. Why do people quit so often? What did you learn about “sanctification” and the concept of “working out your salvation”?
3. Look at the chart on The Process of Salvation again. What was new or helpful to you? What parts do you think the church often fails to teach?
4. When Paul says that everything should be done without complaining, how should we process this and how can we apply it?
5. Although we are all sad at times, Paul is encouraging us not to live in our sadness in spite of the situation. Is this something that you need to work on and how would you do so?”

All scriptures are NIV(2011) unless otherwise noted.



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TWO REMINDERS FOR THIS SERIES

1. One of the greatest OUTCOMES of humility is JOY.

J - Jesus O - Others Y - Yourself

2. When it comes to the difficult quality of HUMILITY, we have some wonderful EXAMPLES to follow.

Jesus - Paul - Timothy - Epaphroditus

REVIEW

1. Paul is teaching the Philippians that humility is the great ANTIDOTE to disunity.
2. He showed Jesus as the first great EXAMPLE. Now he will move to HIMSELF.

DON'T QUIT

Phil. 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

1. We begin with a CHANGE in direction. “Therefore” (“so that”) indicates a RESPONSE to the previous statement.

Phil 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my dear friends, . . .

2. Paul's words "DEAR friends" (or "beloved" - agapētos, ἀγαπητός) showed that Paul was speaking to people he LOVED for their SAKE.

3. These people obeyed Christ whether Paul was WATCHING or not, but Paul encouraged them to keep STRIVING.

4. The Philippians are encouraged to keep "WORKING out their salvation." This means to work towards CHRISTLIKENESS.

Phil. 2:12 . . . —continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

What is the Process of Our Salvation?

Rom. 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

The Process of Our Salvation				
Predestined	God CHOOSES (or agrees with your choice).	God		<i>Rom. 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined . . .</i>
Called (salvation)	You BELIEVE in the One who is perfect.	You and God	Freed from the PAYMENT of Sin	<i>Rom. 8:30 And those he predestined, he also called;</i>
Justified	God SEES you as perfect.	God	Freed from the PENALTY of Sin	<i>Rom. 8:30 . . . those he called, he also justified; . . .</i>
Sanctified	Your heart's DESIRE is to be perfect.	You and God	Freed from the POWER of Sin	<i>1Th. 4:3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified:</i>
Glorified	God MAKES you perfect with your NEW body.	God	Freed from the POTENTIAL to Sin	<i>Rom. 8:30 . . . those he justified, he also glorified.</i>

— The INTENSITY of this process? With fear (phobos, φόβος) and trembling (tromos, τρόμος).

Phil. 2:12 . . . —continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

— The PURPOSE is for you to be able to WILL and ACT in accordance with God's PLAN for your life (and for God's pleasure).

Phil. 2:12 . . . 13 for it is God who works (energeō, ἐνεργέω) in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose (eudokia, εὐδοκία)

DON'T GRIPE

Phil. 2:14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 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 16 as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

1. The idea of doing EVERYTHING without complaining is quite amazing. It is certainly COUNTER-cultural.

2. There are THREE reasons given for this:

a. So that you may not HURT your testimony. (Blameless doesn't mean PERFECT, but someone who admits to faults.)

Deut. 32:5 They are corrupt and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation.

b. So that you can reach those OUTSIDE the faith.

Matt. 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

c. So that those who MINISTERED to you will have JOY.

Phil. 2:16 . . . I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

DON'T BE SAD

Phil. 2:17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. 18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

1. Paul then describes his ministry ALONGSIDE the faith and WORK of the Philippian church. They are the SACRIFICE and he is the "DRINK offering".

2. In ALL of his ministry and trials, Paul is "glad and rejoices" and expects the SAME from his co-workers.

So how do we see Paul's humility in this?

1. **Don't Quit** — In what seems like a HOPELESS situation, Paul won't quit, but continues WRITING and encouraging.

2. **Don't Gripe** — In a place where most people would constantly grumble, Paul makes NO COMPLAINT.

3. **Don't Be Sad** — In a time where there was NOT much to rejoice about from the world's perspective, Paul shows us how to have joy by being in the CENTER of God's will.

What Paul TAUGHT, he MODELED.