

Philippians 1:12-18

Joy In Ministry

(Review)

- Humility and Leadership
- Remembering Spiritual Victories Produces Joy
- Trusting In God's Finished Work Produces Joy
- Praying For Other's Produces Joy

Today's Outline

- God Sometimes Advances Ministry in Strange Ways.
- Ministry Should Affect The Outside World
- Ministry Should Affect The Church
- What Is Your Motivation In Ministry?
- Nothing Else Matters As Long As The Ministry Goes Forward.

Philippians 1:12-18

12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

13 so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;

14 and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:

16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

18 What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

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2 Corinthians 11:23-28

23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—
I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes
above measure, in prisons more frequently, in
deaths often. 24 From the Jews five times I
received forty *stripes* minus one. 25 Three times
I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three
times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I
have been in the deep; 26 *in* journeys often, *in*
perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of
my own countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in*
perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in*
perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;
27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often,
in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and
nakedness— 28 besides the other things, what
comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all
the churches.

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

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Genesis 50:20

20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

Philippians 1:13

13 so that it has become evident to the whole **palace** guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;

praitōrion

- 1) "head-quarters" in a Roman camp
- 2) the palace in which the governor or procurator of a province resided
- 3) the camp of the Praetorian soldiers established by Tiberius

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What Guard Are You Changed To?

Philippians 1:14

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Is The Body Of Christ Emboldened
By Watching Your Life?

Philippians 1:15-17

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16 The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

The Motive Counts!!

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man **looks** at the outward appearance, but the LORD **looks** at the **heart**."

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 (NLT)

1 So look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God's mysteries. 2 Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful. 3 As for me, it matters very little how I might be evaluated by you or by any human authority. I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. 4 My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide. 5 So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

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Galatians 1:8-9

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Philippians 1:18 (NLT)

18 But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.

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