

How to enJOY Life

NO MATTER WHAT

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1. Start with humility

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,
to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,
including the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. Thank God for each other with joyful prayer

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

⁴always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,

⁵in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶For I am confident of this very thing,

that He who began a good work in you will perfect it
until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all,

because I have you in my heart,

since

both in my imprisonment

and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel,

you all are partakers of grace with me.

⁸For God is my witness, how I long for you all

with the affection of Christ Jesus.

3. Pray for discerning love

⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound

still more and more

in real knowledge and all discernment,

¹⁰so that you may approve the things that are excellent,

in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

¹¹having been filled with the fruit of righteousness

which *comes* through Jesus Christ,

to the glory and praise of God.

4. Rejoice in the progress of the gospel

¹²Now I want you to know, brethren,

that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

¹³so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known

throughout the whole praetorian guard

and to everyone else,

¹⁴and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord

because of my imprisonment,

have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

¹⁵Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife,
but some also from good will;

¹⁶the latter *do it* out of love,
knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

¹⁷the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition,
rather than from pure motives,
thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

¹⁸What then?

Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed;
and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

5. Focus on exalting Christ

¹⁹For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance
through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope,
that I shall not be put to shame in anything,
but *that* with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted
in my body,
whether by life or by death.

²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

6. Labor for the progress and joy of others

²²But
if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh,
this *will mean* fruitful labor for me;
and I do not know which to choose.

²³But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*,
having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;
²⁴yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

²⁵And convinced of this,
I know that I shall remain and continue with you all
for your progress and joy in the faith,

²⁶so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus
through my coming to you again.

7. Strive for a unity worthy of the gospel

²⁷Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ;
so that
whether I come and see you or remain absent,
I may hear of you that you are standing firm
in one spirit,

with one mind
striving together for the faith of the gospel;
²⁸in no way alarmed by *your* opponents—
 which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you,
 and that *too*, from God.
²⁹For to you it has been granted
 for Christ's sake,
not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
³⁰experiencing the same conflict
 which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

8. Have Jesus' attitude

2 If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ,
if there is any consolation of love,
if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,
if any affection and compassion,
²make my joy complete
 by being of the same mind,
 maintaining the same love,
 united in spirit,
 intent on one purpose.
³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but
 with humility of mind
let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;
⁴do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests,
 but also for the interests of others.
⁵Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
⁶who,
 although He existed in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant,
 and being made in the likeness of men.
 ⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
 even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore also God highly exalted Him,
and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,
¹¹and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

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