

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 2:4**General & Personal Letters 6-1**

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

"SHARING IN GOD'S GRACE"**READ Philippians 1:1-2:30****DAY 1 READ Philippians 1:1-2:30**

1. What was meaningful to you from last week's lecture?
2. Paul was traveling with Silas, Timothy and Luke when he received a vision in Acts 16 to go to Macedonia. From that chapter answer these questions:
 - a. Briefly relate the beginning of the Philippi church in Acts 16:13-15.
 - b. Why were Paul and Silas in prison?
 - c. Who was converted as a result of their imprisonment?
 - d. Upon release, where did they go before departing from Philippi and what did they do there?
 - e. How do you think Paul's imprisonment for the sake of the gospel might have affected these new Christians?

DAY 2 REVIEW Philippians 1:1-11

3. a. What did the Philippians' partnership in the gospel cause Paul to do?
 - b. What does the word "joy" mean to you, and is it the same as "happy?"
 - c. What do these Scriptures say about joy?
John 15:10-11

Romans 14:17

James 1:2-3
4. Of what was Paul confident?
5. Paul loved these brethren with the affection of Jesus Christ. How would you describe that?
6. For what did Paul pray in verses 9-11?

DAY 3 REVIEW Philippians 1:12-26

7. From verse 12 we see Paul's chains had served to advance the gospel. Share a time in your life when "bad" circumstances were a testimony for the gospel. (Romans 8:28)
8. a. In what way was the gospel advanced by Paul's situation according to verses 13-14?

b. Why do people sometimes lack confidence and boldness to speak for God?
9. a. Two groups were active in preaching Christ while Paul was in prison. What motivated each group?

b. Why did Paul rejoice?
10. Paul's situation was serious and could result in death. What was . . .
 - a. . . . his confidence in verse 19?
 - b. . . . his concern in verse 20?
 - c. . . . his contentment in verses 21-26?

DAY 4 REVIEW Philippians 1:27-2:11

11. What did Paul want the Philippians to do?
12. What affect did the unity of Christians have upon those who opposed the cause of Christ?
13. a. What privilege did Paul mention in verse 29?

b. What do we learn in Matthew 5:11-12?
14. How did Paul describe Christian unity in Philippians 2:2?

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Philippians 1:27-2:11

15. a. How are we to consider others?
- b. How can you do that effectively?
- c. Write Philippians 2:5.
- d. How far did Jesus go to demonstrate this attitude?
16. How did God the Father exalt Jesus?

DAY 5 REVIEW Philippians 2:12-30

17. Plagued by opposition, Paul assured the Philippians they could overcome their problems because it is God (fill in verse 13) _____.
18. What is the result of doing everything without complaining or arguing?
19. Why was Timothy's visit such an encouragement to Paul?
20. a. (IN-DEPTH) "Kindred spirits" deeply care about the same values, the same people and each other. What Bible characters do we associate with having "kindred spirits?"
- b. With whom do you feel a "kindred spirit?" Please share.
21. a. Why was Epaphroditus sent to Paul?
- b. Why was he being sent back to Philippi?
22. a. What did Paul say in verse 29 if the Philippians should think Epaphroditus had failed to fulfill his commission from them?
- b. What had serving Christ cost Epaphroditus?
- c. What risks may Christians today be asked to take for the work of Christ?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses . . ."
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750**