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Wotice the beautiful self-forgetfulness of the apostle Paul. So long as the, gospel could be more widely published, he did not mind where he was, or what he suffered.

Charles Spurgeon, Sermon on Philippians 1

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That is a key to longevity in the service of the Lord. There are so many goofy things that happen within the body of Christ. If we become all worked up over every single thing, in terms of motives and this kind of stuff, no one will be able to last.

Damian Kyle, Sermon on Philippians 1

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1 Corinthians 3

- 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
- 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.
- 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

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Paul lived his life not to preserve and promote himself, but to glorify Jesus Christ. If Jesus should one day decide that Paul could best glorify Him through laying down his life, the Paul would be well pleased by the opportunity.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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He was prepared to live or to die, that Jesus might be magnified. He was willing to remain for a little longer outside of heaven, if that would better serve the cause he loved.

F. B. Meyer, Through The Bible Day By Day

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When our spiritual enemies fail to make us afraid they have failed completely, because they really have no other weapon than fear and intimidation.

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Acts 5

- 41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.
 - 42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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2 Corinthians 1

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be

able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

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James 1

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various
- 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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