FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO:
PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

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We have a tendency to please men, and to obey God only when others are watching. But when you surrender to the power of God within you, then obedience becomes a delight and not a battle.

Warren Wiersbe, The Wiersbe Bible Commentary

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This is not to work their salvation in the sense of accomplishing it, but to work out their salvation - to see it evident in every area of their lives, to activate this salvation God freely gave them.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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Philippians 2:12-30 Evidence That Jesus Is Your Priority 2. You Do Not Complain & Dispute (v14-16)

The faithful Christian will discover that his sufferings on earth have been transformed into glory in heaven! He will see that his work was not in vain. It was this same kind of promise of future joy that helped our Saviour in His sufferings on the cross.

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Numbers 11

I Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.

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Numbers 11

5 We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; 6 but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

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John 15

- 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

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It is quite possible to be an admired teacher on whose words thousands hang and yet be a vain self-seeker. It is possible to be an eloquent evangelist and yet be using the very gift that God has given for personal gain.

H. A. Ironside, Ironside's Notes On Philippians

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The ancient Greek phrase not regarding his life uses a gambler's word that meant to risk everything on the roll of the dice. Paul wrote that for the sake of Jesus Christ, Epaphroditus was willing to gamble everything.

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