

*Phi 1:10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;*

1Th 5:21 prove all things; hold fast to that which is good;

Phi 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (9) The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

*Phi 1:11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (24) Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

*Phi 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, (13) so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, (14) and 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.*

# How do good things result from bad events?

Phi 4:22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Act 5:34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time. (35) And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men. (36) "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. (37) "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census and drew away some people after him; he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered.

(38)"So in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown; (39) but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God."

(40) They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them

Is Gamaliel's advice ever true?

Would Gamaliel's advice have been good for Hitler and Germany?

*Phi 1:14 and 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.*

Courage is moral fiber

How many examples of courage does the Hebrew writer give in Hebrews 11?

*Phi 1:15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; (16) the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; (17) the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.*

Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

Gal 2:2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running or had run, in vain.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

***Phi 1:18 What 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,***

What is our attitude toward preachers to be?  
Some preach just for the money! And Paul rejoices!

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. (11) Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1Co 3:5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. (6) I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. (7) So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

***Phi 1:19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,***

Luk 1:68-71 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, (69) And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant-- (70) As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old-- (71) Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES, And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

*Phi 1:20 according 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.*

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

The KJV says Christ must be magnified where the NAS has exalted. How can we exalt Christ in our lives?

Rom 12:1-2 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (22) But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. (23) But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; (24) yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.*

Why did Paul want to remain on the earth?

When we pray for someone to be healed, what should our motivation be?

Jas 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

2Co 5:8-9 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. (9) Therefore also we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Phi 1:22 But if I live in the flesh, this [is] the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. (KJV)

Did you know what “wot” meant before you looked it up in a different version?

The KJV uses “conversation” in v. 25, what does this mean in the modern language?

*Php 1:25-26 And convinced of this, I  
know that I shall remain and  
continue with you all for your  
progress and joy in the faith, (26) so  
that your proud confidence in me  
may abound in Christ Jesus through  
my coming to you again.*

*Php 1:27 Only 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;*

What is a manner that would be worthy?

Eph 4:1-3 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord,  
entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the  
calling with which you have been called, (2) with  
all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing  
forbearance to one another in love, (3) being  
diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the  
bond of peace.

*Php 1:28-30 in no way alarmed by your opponents--which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. (29) For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, (30) experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.*

What is the most common suffering we have in this country?

Act 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

Rom 8:16-18 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. (18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

1Pe 4:14-16 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (15) By no means let any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; (16) but if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God.

What conflict did they see in Paul? How did they hear about Paul's conflict?

2Ti 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. (7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; (8) in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.