

God's deeper purposes: Unusually advancing the gospel

Gospel progress and Growth progress no matter the circumstances

Philippians 1:12-14

Introduction

Philippians 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.

#1 Passionately _____ God's purposes 12

2 Corinthians 5:15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Matthew 16:24 Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

How can you stop looking at your problems?

- 1-Live by faith and not fear
- 2-Rely upon some key promises of scripture
- 3-Busy yourself with God's purposes
- 4-Remember with Christ, there are no accidents

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The good news is only for those who...

- 1-Fully admit their total corruption because of their own sin
- 2-Fully admit there is only one cure for sin, the work of Christ on the cross
- 3-Fully comply, by the work of God in total dependent faith and directional repentance
- 4-Demonstrate their salvation is real by a sold out willing heart and obvious fruit

1st Making Christ known to _____ 13

imprisonment

in the cause of Christ

praetorian guard

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

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2nd Encouraging _____ to speak God's Word to the LOST with courage 14

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Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ

How do you gain courage to proclaim Christ?

- 1-Be filled with the Spirit 2 Timothy 1:7 *God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*
- 2-Get the correct job description. You share, God saves
- 3-Learn the correct gospel, the authentic one
- 4-Memorize some opening comments
- 5-Pray for the lost, then pray as you speak to the lost
- 6-Trust Christ and open your mouth

1st If you need to restore your _____, then...

2nd If you need to increase your _____, then...

3rd If you need to be more _____, then...

4th If you need to strengthen your _____, then...

Genesis 50:20 you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good

5th If you're not _____ to Christ, then...

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, ... and they follow Me. John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-What were God's deeper purposes in having Paul lose his freedom for around 5 years?
- 2-Why was it important for the Philippians to know that Paul's arrest turned out to be super fruitful?
- 3-How could Paul being in chains actually impact Rome? How could our trials actually cause us to impact our region?
- 4-How did Paul's imprisonment actually encourage the Roman Christians to be even MORE bold in sharing the gospel?
- 5-What is it going to take for God to actually move you to share the gospel boldly with family and friends?
- 6-Come up with 10 reasons why it is crucial for Christians to share the gospel often.

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