

SHINE

Philippians 2:12-18

Paul encourages Christians to shine!

I. SHINE IN YOUR WORKOUT (12-13)

A. YOUR EFFORT (12)

1. The Basis: So then my beloved
2. The Essence: Continued obedience
3. The Command: Work out your salvation
 - a. Bring it to its completion - Illus: Like a math problem
- Not working for their salvation but working it out ... this involves sanctification
 - b. Some considerations
 - 1) Are you demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit? - Gal. 5:22-23
 - 2) Are you using your spiritual gifts? - Rom. 12:6-8 and I Cor. 12
 - 3) Do you put on your spiritual armor? - Eph. 6:10-18
 - 4) Are you conducting yourself Christianly? - Eph. 4:25-32 and Col. 3:12-17
 - 5) Are you submissive? - I Peter 2:13-14, 3:1-7, 5:5
4. The Attitude: With fear and trembling
 - a. Reverence for God > And therefore unwilling to offend Him
- Note Joseph in Gen. 39:9
 - b. Awareness of sin > An earnest desire to avoid sin - Mt. 6:13

B. GOD'S ENERGY (13)

1. Our Partner
 - a. The reality: You can't work out what you never had in you
 - b. The resource: It is God that has energized you
 - 1) Our partner is the power source
 - 2) Being plugged in to Him is essential - See John 15:4
2. The Design: His will and work
3. The Outcome: God's good pleasure

II. SHINE THROUGH YOUR WITNESS (14-16a)

A. CHECK YOUR ATTITUDE (14)

1. The Forbidden
 - a. No grumbling: Muttering or murmuring in a low voice - Read I Corinthians 10:10
 - b. No disputing: Being cantankerous, critical or rude - Note Romans 14:1
2. The Extent: Do all things
 - a. Inclusive: All things not just some things
 - b. Emphatic: "Do" > Absolute application is required

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B. CONSIDER YOUR DISTINCTION (15a)

1. The Conduct Desired
 - a. Propriety: Blamelessness
 - b. Purity: Innocence
 - c. Maturity: Children of God above reproach
2. The Contrast Defined
 - a. The crooked people: Morally warped > Dishonest
 - b. The perverse people: Spiritually depraved > Distorted
3. The Contact Described
 - a. In the midst of these
 - b. There is to be no Christian isolationism

C. REMEMBER YOUR OPPORTUNITY (15b-16a)

1. Standing out as lights (15b)
 - Luminaries to banish the darkness - See Matt. 5:14-16 and Eph. 5:8
2. Holding out the Word (16a)
 - a. The gospel proclaimed - Rom. 10:13-15
 - b. Providing life for the age to come - Rom. 6:23

III. SHINE WITH WORTHINESS (16b-18)

A. ENCOURING YOUR MENTOR (16b-17)

1. Giving Paul and future hope (16b)
 - a. When: In the day of Christ > The Christian's judgment day
 - b. What: A reason to glory > Something to be proud of
 - c. Why: Because his ministry was not wasted or worthless
2. Giving Paul a present perspective (17)
 - a. Their faith was worth his sacrifice
 - b. He rejoiced in sharing with them

B. CELEBRATING THEIR MINISTRY (18)

1. Rejoicing when their sacrifice assists others
2. Sharing their joy with their mentor
 - Informing Paul about his spiritual grandchildren

CONCLUSION: What kind of shiny things do you have?

Read Daniel 12:3

Does your work shine?

Does your witness shine?

Does your worthiness shine?

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