

MIXED MOTIVES

Philippians 1:15-18

Introduction

#1 The P _____ of the Gospel 12-14

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel

1st The gospel is going out to the _____ 13

13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole Praetorian Guard and to everyone else,

2nd The _____ are more bold with the gospel 14

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.

#2 The P _____ of the Gospel 15-17

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.

Mark 1:17 Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men

Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples

Colossians 4:5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person

Galatians 1:8-9 But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.

Jude 4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Titus 1:16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed.

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age

1st Compare the _____

FROM envy

FROM good will

ENVY

STRIFE

GOOD WILL

#2 The PROCLAMATION of the Gospel 15-17

1st Compare the HEARTS

2nd Compare the _____

OUT OF love

OUT OF selfish ambition

SELFISH AMBITION

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself*

RATHER THAN FROM PURE MOTIVES

LOVE

3rd Compare the _____

THINKING

DISTRESS

KNOWING

APPOINTED

DEFEND the gospel

#3 The P _____ of Paul 18

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,*

1st My _____ is accomplished

I REJOICE

CHRIST IS PREACHED

Inside the church

Outside the church

2nd My _____ is filled with Joy

A Those who understand the true _____ can live with passion and right Priorities

B Sharing the gospel of Christ results in _____

C Right motives and faithful dependence result in _____

D Only those in _____ to Christ go to heaven

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

1-How can the gospel be shared with mixed motives but still draw someone to Christ in salvation?

2-Why is the heart so important when it comes to ministry, reward and a Christian's joy?

3-How were Christians actually causing Paul distress? Why were they causing Paul distress?

4-How should your trials (like Paul's jail time) cause you to share the gospel more aggressively?

5-How could Paul rejoice (be filled with joy) when believers were intentionally trying to slander him?

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