Title: The Gospel Perspective on Salvation

Text: Philippians 2:12–18
Theme: Godly Living

Proposition: We must be diligent in the Affairs of salvation so we can

be Godly examples.

Interrogative: What must we give diligence to?

[Word Version]

Introduction:

Diligence in the affairs of salvation, and to be examples to the world is the theme of this next section of chapter 2. Paul has laid out for the Philippian believers the mind that they should have if they are to be Godly. He makes it very clear that the essence of Godly living is a mind of humility. Then he gave them the supreme example of that humility in Jesus Christ. The Apostle now challenges these believers and all believers to due diligence in the affairs of salvation so that they can be clear examples to the world of what Gospel impacted living is.

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I. The presentation of Gospel impacted living (vs 12)

- A. The application
 - 1. It's description
 - 2. It's details
- B. The action
- C. The attitude
 - 1. Without hypocrisy
 - 2. With honesty and humility

II. The power for Gospel impacted living (vs 13)

- A. The person
- B. The plan

III. The protocol for Gospel impacted living (vss 14-16)

- A. A godly response
- B. A godly reputation
 - 1. Association
 - 2. Application
 - 3. Actuality
- C. A godless realm

D. A guiding resource

IV. The personal example of Gospel impacted living (vs 16b, 17, 18)

- A. A godly pursuit
- B. A godly passion
- C. A godly plea
 - 1. The same mind
 - 2. The same ministry

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What did you hear?
- 2. What should "Gospel impacted living" look like?
- 3. While we are no longer under the Law of Moses, are there "demands" that come along with acceptance of the Gospel?

Explore: James 2:8–12; Matthew 22:35–40; Galatians 6:2; Titus 2:11-14

- 4. What does it mean to "work out your salvation?"
- 5. How can a believer "work out his salvation?" Make this practical what are some real, everyday ways that you can "apply" the truth of your salvation to the way that you live and the things that you do?
- 6. Share a time when you realized that God was working in you? How did He change you?
- 7. God works in our hearts to impact both our "working" and our "willing." Can you share a way that God has changed your desires or impacted your motivations?
- 8. Explain what you think the connection is between not "complaining and arguing" and our light shining in a crooked and twisted world?
- 9. What impact on the way we live should there be when we "hold fast the Word of life?"
- 10. In verses 17-18 Paul mentions that what would "make him proud" in the Day of Christ was that these Philippian believers would actively live out the Word of God as he taught it to them and had invested in their lives. If this is what really matters, what are some ways that we should be doing this?