

Philippin' Out: The CrAzY Life of a ChRiStIaN!

"Bring on the Bling"

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Acts 19:21b; Romans 1:15; Philippians 1:12-19

Bring on the Bling!

- The whole palace guard now knows of Paul's faith in God.
- More people are now sharing Christ more courageously and fearlessly.
- Even those who don't preach with the right motives are promoting Christ.
- Paul is gaining strength because many are praying for him.

Bling /bliNG/

Verb: To adopt a flamboyant or ostentatious lifestyle or appearance.

Noun: The wearing of expensive, ostentatious clothing and/or jewelry.

2 Timothy 2:8-9; Romans 8:35-37

Chains link!

- Chains link Paul with the **lost**.
- Chains link Paul with the **leaders**.
- Chains link Paul with the **opposition**.
- Chains link Paul with **us**.

The Power of Prayer:

1. Prayer leads to **rejoicing** as it strengthens and changes us.

Philippians 1:18-19

2. Prayers from earth invite **power** from heaven.

Prayer changes our **perspective**:

- Prayer changes my "no, thank you" into a "yes, please."
- Prayer changes "my" will into "God's" will.
- Prayer changes my "protest" into "praise."
- Prayer changes what I "profess" into what I "practice."

James 4:2, 3; Matthew 7:7-8, 9-11

"As far as I can see, prayer has been ordained only for the helpless. Prayer and helplessness are inseparable. Only he who is helpless can truly pray." - A. W. Tozer

3. Prayer moves seemingly "bad things" to **become** "good things."

Philippians 1:19

4. Courage is **fear** after it has been bathed in prayer.

Philippians 1:20; Acts 4:13

5. Failing to pray is a **recipe** for failure.