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## A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS

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### LESSON 7 PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

1. What truth, verse, or insight in the Lesson or Lecture from **Philippians 2:5-11** impacted your life this week & how?
  
2. Pray and ask God for His guidance as you read **2:12-18**. Write down one thing you would like Him to work in you for His good purpose.
  
3. In **V12**, Paul shifted the focus from exalting Jesus to how believers are to live like Him.
  - a) How could the following phrases have impacted his readers? How do they impact you?
    - “my dear friends”
  
    - “always obeyed”
  
    - “in my presence...in my absence”
  
  - b) In your own words, what is meant by continue to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling”?
  
4. a) What do the following verses say about “works” and salvation:  
**John 6:28-29** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ephesians 2:8-9** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ephesians 2:10** \_\_\_\_\_  
**James 2:14-18** \_\_\_\_\_

b) How have these verses helped you to reconcile the tension between “works” and salvation?

5. a) Now read **V13**. What amazes you or comforts you from the truth of this verse?

b) Explain if you believe God is at work in your life in this way (keeping in mind how you answered Question 2).

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6. a) How realistic is **V14** in your day-to-day life? Be specific.

b) What is implied about “grumbling” from **Numbers 14:2** and **26-27**? How does that convict you?

7. Read **V15**. How does one become a blameless and pure child of God according to this passage and/or other Scripture?

8. What can you do today to shine like stars as described in **V15b-16** and **Daniel 12:3**?

9. Who or what is the “word of life” in **V16**, and how do you personally hold onto this word?
10. Challenge: Read **V16b-17** together with **2 Timothy 4:6-7**. Given that “drink offerings” were an integral part of the Old Testament sacrifices (**Numbers 28-29**), why do you think Paul used this metaphor to describe himself?
11. Paul ended **V17-18** by mentioning reciprocated joy. How could this look today in your life and the lives around you?
12. Of all the things you learned in **Philippians 2:12-18**, what encourages you the most to press on in confidence?
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In **Philippians 2:14**, Paul wrote “do everything without grumbling or arguing.”

1. How can you live out **1 Peter 4:9** in a practical way?
2. What more does **James 5:9** say about grumbling?
3. From where do fights and quarrels originate according to **James 4:1-3**? What else do you learn from these verses?
4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: **Philippians 2:13**  
  
b) Write a prayer to the Lord that celebrates this truth.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**