

Christians: Shining lights

Philippians 2:12-18

I. RESPOND: "work out your salvation" (vv.12-13)

A. Concentration: "you have always obeyed" (v.12a)

B. Completion: "work out your salvation" (v.12b)

C. Cooperation: "it is God who is at work in you" (v.13)

II. RESTRAIN: "Do...w/o grumbling or disputing"(vv.14-16)

A. Self-Controlling: "Do all things without..." (v.14)

1. Privately: "without grumbling"

2. Publicly: "without...disputing"

B. Self-Revealing: "that you may prove yourselves" (v.15)

1. Character: "blameless...innocent...above reproach"

2. Contrast: "you appear as lights in the world"

C. Self-Sacrificing: "holding fast the word of life" (v.16)

1. Directions: "holding fast the word of life"

2. Delight: "in the day of Christ...cause to glory"

III. REJOICE: "rejoice...and share your joy" (vv.17-18)

A. Sacrifice: "I am being poured out" (v.17)

B. Service: "share your joy with me" (v.18)

Next Week: "Timothy: Faithful Servant"

Read: Philippians 2:19-25