

REJOICE

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THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS FRUITFUL MINISTRY

Philippians 1:19-26

NOTES:

Review:

Paul's imprisonment...

1. ...opened a whole new ministry field. (1:12)
2. ...exposed unbelievers to the reality of his relationship with Jesus. (1:13)
3. ...strengthened believers to proclaim the gospel boldly. (1:14)
4. ...stimulated increased proclamation of the gospel (even from those with selfish motives). (1:15-17)
5. ...resulted in rejoicing as the gospel continued to advance. (1:18)

Paul Models the Attitudes and Motivation of a Fruitful Servant

A fruitful servant...

1. ...finds joy in suffering, knowing of their certain vindication (whether in life or ultimately in death).

Phil. 1:18b *Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,*

2. ...confidently aims to exalt Jesus in life and in death.

Phil. 1:20 *as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

3. ...understands that opportunity for faithful ministry counterbalances the desire to be with Jesus.

Phil. 1:22 *If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.*

Paul Walks the Walk as He Discerns the Excellent Choices in Life

Phil. 1:9 *And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,*

4....lives to bring glory to Jesus through impacting others for the kingdom.

Phil. 1:25 *Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.*

Paul's Desire to Please Jesus Motivated All He Did in Life

2Cor. 5:6 *So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Paul faces his suffering with joy and faithful service because he trusts in God's saving hand. Do you tend to face the difficulties of life with the same outlook? Why or why not? What sort of patterns could you establish in your own routine that will help bolster a mindset similar to Paul's?

2) Paul says it his "desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better." Describe your personal reaction to that statement? In what ways can you develop this type of longing in your own life?

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REIGN ABOVE IT ALL

ALWAYS

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

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