

A Servant's Heart is Explained—Part 2 (Philippians 2:12-18)

A _____ to _____ -honoring Actions (Php 2:14-18)

I. Actions _____ (v. 14-16a)

A. _____ Behavior to _____ (v. 14)

Paul is calling for the believer to be “without” or _____ from this negative behavior. (cf. Ephesians 5:3)

Example of the murmuring Israelites (Exodus 14:11; 15:23-24; 16:1-3 & 7-8)

Psalm 106:24-25 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not His Word: but murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

It all starts here...when we are guilty of these _____ behaviors then we will undermine our effectiveness in the _____ behaviors in the following verses.

B. _____ Behavior to _____ (v. 15-16a)

1. A _____ Testimony—“blameless & harmless”

“be blameless and harmless” – this speaks of one’s testimony being pure, the _____ or _____. As Christians we are called to live as a real and genuine example of Christ.

Example of Hobab (Num 10:29-30).

Q: Why did Hobab pass up this great opportunity to dwell amongst God's people and enjoy the blessings that God had promised?

2. A _____ Testimony—“shine as lights”

A testimony of a _____ life because of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Cf. Ephesians 5:8; Matthew 5:16

3. A _____ Testimony—“Holding forth the Word of Life”

“Holding forth the Word of life” –The _____ is “Word of Life” that we are to “hold forth” for others to _____ as we hold fast our profession of faith (Heb. 10:19-25).

II. _____ Gained (v. 16b-18)

Cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

“...that I have not run in vain” – The Christian life is a _____ not a sprint. It takes persistence and _____.

“...neither laboured in vain” – This labor speaks of the effort that is need to _____.

Paul desired to look back upon his ministry and see that all of his work was worthwhile—he didn't want to have any wasted effort.

Again, it all starts with “murmuring and disputing.” When we are _____ of this negative behavior then we will _____ our effectiveness in the positive behaviors of being “blameless and harmless without rebuke.”

The extent to which we “shine as lights” will be _____ by our “murmuring and disputing.”

Our _____ in “holding forth the Word of Life” will be undermined.

Finally, the reality of our “rejoicing” will end up being just an unrealized _____.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh [to look with great care] into the perfect law of liberty [the Word of God], and continueth [faithfully perseveres] therein, he being not a forgetful hearer [heedless listener], but a [active / obedient] doer of the work, this man shall be blessed [honored / privileged] in his deed.

Questions to help prepare for next Sunday's message: (Php 2:19-24)

1. Why is sincerity necessary for service to be truly humble?
2. What are some characteristics of Timothy that would make good qualities for believers to follow today (Php. 2:19-22)?