

PHILIPPIANS - PART 2 | Philippians 1:12-30

HOW TO BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT

FOUR COMMON BARRIERS TO HAPPINESS

1. PAIN
2. PICKY PEOPLE
3. PRESSURE
4. PROBLEMS

"I want you to know dear brothers and sisters that everything that has happened to me has helped me to spread the good news. Everyone here including all the soldiers in the palace guard knows that I am in chains because of Christ. And because of my imprisonment many of the Christians here have gained confidence and become more bold in telling others about Christ. Some are sharing Christ out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach Christ out of pure motives. They love me and they know that the Lord brought me here to defend the good news. But there are those who do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. And they preach with selfish ambition and they're not sincere. Intending to make my time in prison more painful to me. But whether or not their motives are pure the fact remains that the message about Christ is being preached so I rejoice. I will continue to rejoice no matter what. For I know as you pray for me for I know that you are praying for me as the Spirit of Jesus helps me this will all turn out for my deliverance. And I live in eager expectation and hope. I want my life to always honor Christ. Whether I live or I die. For to me living is for Christ, and dying is even better. If I live it just means more fruitful years of service for Christ but I'm often torn between two desires. Sometimes I want to live and sometime I want to go on and be with Christ in heaven. That would be far better for me. But it's better for you if I live so that you can grow and that you can experience the joy of your faith. But whatever happens you must live in a manner worthy of the good news about Christ. Don't be intimidated by your enemies. That will be a sign for them of their downfall and that God's with you and that he will save you. For you have been given not only the privilege trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. And we are in this fight together. You've seen me suffer for Christ in the past. And you know that I am still in the middle of the great struggle."

Philippians 1:12-30

"Philippians 1:27 NIV

[27] Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I CAN BE HAPPY IF I...

1. HABIT #1: I LOOK AT EVERY PROBLEM FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT

"I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me has helped to spread the Good News."

Philippians 1:12 (NLT)

Anytime I face problems in faith...

A. IT'S A WITNESS TO UNBELIEVERS

"For everyone here, including all the soldiers in the palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ." Philippians 1:13 (NLT)

B. IT'S AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO BELIEVERS

"And because of my imprisonment, many of the Christians here have gained confidence and become more bold in telling others about Christ."

Philippians 1:14 (NLT)

2. HABIT #2 -- NEVER LET OTHERS CONTROL MY ATTITUDE

4 KINDS OF FRIENDS: CRITICS, COMRADES, COMPETITORS, & CONSPIRATORS:

"It's true that some preach Christ because they are jealous and quarrelsome. Others preach from genuine good will. These do so out of love, and they know God's given me the work of defending the gospel. Others preach Christ insincerely from a spirit of selfish ambition. Others just want to stir up more trouble for me, and add to my pain while I am in prison." Philippians 1:15-17 (TEV)

PAUL'S ATTITUDE:

"But it doesn't really matter! The important thing is that in every way, whether for right or wrong reasons, the message of Christ is being shared! SO I am happy, and I will continue to be happy!" Philippians 1:18 (NCV)

"Be fearless, no matter who opposes you. It will be a sign to them of their downfall, that God is with you, and that he will save you."
Philippians 1:28 (NIV/LB)

"For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of a great struggle."
Philippians 1:29-30 (NLT)

3. ALWAYS TRUST GOD TO WORK THINGS OUT

"I will continue to rejoice, for I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, all that's happened will all turn out for my deliverance."
Philippians 1:19 (NLT)

"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!" Philippians 1:20 (ESV)

4. STAY FOCUSED ON MY PURPOSE, NOT MY PROBLEM

"If by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work for Christ, then I am not sure which I should choose. I'm pulled in two directions! I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better thing; BUT for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive. I am sure of this, so I know that I will stay on with you all, so I can add to your progress and joy in the faith." Philippians 1:22-25 (TEV)

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain!" Philippians 1:21 (NIV)