
Philippians
A Guide to Life's True Priorities

12 And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.
Philippians 1:12 (NLT)

God Turns Obstacles into Opportunities

"For everyone here, ***including the whole palace guard***, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. Philippians 1:13

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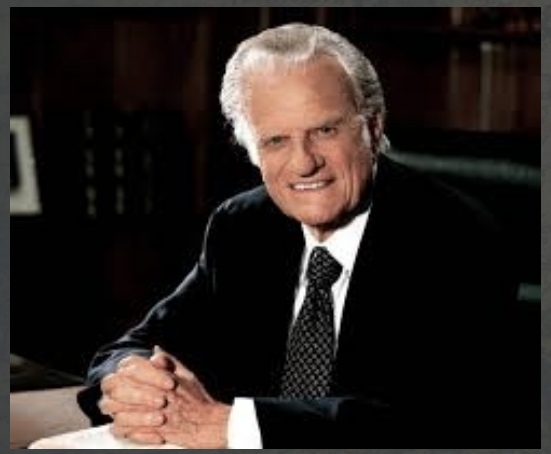
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Contagious
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"Courage is contagious. When a brave person takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened."

-Billy Graham

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FEAR OF **CALLING**

Fear of calling is the unbelief that we are able or worthy to accomplish the mission God is giving us.

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "But how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

Judges 6:14-15

2

FEAR OF **COST**

Fear of cost is avoiding the will of God because the personal demand for sacrifice seems too high.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

Philemon 1:23-24

Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

2 Timothy 4:9-10

3

FEAR OF **MAN**

Fear of man is avoiding the will of God due to trepidation of the opinion of others.

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Proverbs 29:25

4

FEAR OF **FAILURE**

Fear of failure is avoiding the will of God due to an unbelief in God's ability to give us victory over a great enemy or challenge.

We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report . . . unto the children of Israel saying . . . And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Numbers 13:31-33

Source: DNA of a Leader

Fear is the Enemy of Courage

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