

Unlocking the Good Life

A series in Philippians

Joy in Transformation
Phil 2:12-13



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*"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **give up** your own way, take up your **cross** daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 NLT*



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"It is by grace you have been saved ... not by works, so that no one can boast." Eph 2:8-9 NIV



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"God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it."

Heb 4:1 NLT

"I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." 1 Cor 9:27 NLT



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Both "Works" and "Act" come from same root word

ἐνεργεῶ *energeō* = to be at work; power; to be effective



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1. The Bible

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point..." 2 Tim 3:16-17 TLB



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" And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son..." Romans 8:28-29 NLT



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*"Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he *suffered*." Hebrews 5:8 NLT*

*"For it was fitting that he,... should make the founder of their salvation perfect through *suffering*." Hebrews 2:10 ESV*



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"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." Proverbs 20:30 GNT



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"Be transformed (metamorphosis) by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2 NIV



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"How well God must like you — you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart-Mouth College. Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture day and night." Psalm 1:1-2 MSG



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1. What I think about
2. Depend on God's Spirit

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit."

John 15:4-5 NLT



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"When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, don't resent them as intruders but welcome them as friends. Realize that they come to test your faith and produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed and you become people of mature character." James 1:2-4 PHP



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*"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of **character**, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." Romans 5:3-4 NLT*



What do you want to change?

1. Read His Word
2. Depend on His Spirit
3. Accept God's work through Circumstances

