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Joy in the Journey: A Study of Philippians 3:12-16

The Believer's Sanctification – Discipline Equals Freedom

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Introduction

- Welcome to the grind! - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmkNKEHC8Pg>
- Philippians is a book about _____ – 1:6 / 1:27 / 1:29 / 2:12-13 / 3:12-16
- Sanctification is the process of separation from the secular and sinful and setting apart for a sacred purpose; i.e., the process of becoming conformed to the image of Christ. This process occurs from salvation until the believer's promotion to heaven. It's a life-long process.
- Three types of Sanctification: _____, progressive, and ultimate.

Sanctification requires knowing your _____ – Philippians 3:12a

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- You are in Christ – 1:1; 1:13; 1:26; 2:1; 3:3; 3:9; 3:14; 4:7; 4:19; 4:21.
- The goal of the Christian life is maturity, to be "perfect." It's in our maturity that we bring maximum glory to God!
- One of the marks of maturity is the realization of our _____.
- Your position in Christ allows you to progress in Christ. But how do you progress?

Sanctification requires _____ – Philippians 3:12b

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- As an athlete works out his physical body, you "workout your salvation" (2:12) by practicing the spiritual disciplines – prayer, Bible study, evangelism, discipleship, praise, solitude, giving, reflection/meditation, practicing your spiritual gift, etc.
- However, this must be done in power of the _____ ! – Galatians 5:16, 22-25; Ephesians 5:18
- Do not allow the blessings of God to lure you into complacency and indifference. – Galatians 5:25-26
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable – 2nd Corinthians 11-24-29; Galatians 6:9
- Remember the words of Warren Wiersbe, "A divine dissatisfaction is essential for spiritual growth!"

Sanctification requires

– Philippians 3:13-14

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- Dissatisfaction - forgetting what is behind – breaking the power of the past by confession of sin, **1 John 1:9**, **Psalm 103:11-14**, and abandoning unworthy goals, **Philippians 3:4-6**.
- Direction - reaching forward to what Christ has for you now and in the future.
- Determination - pursue God's call on your life in Christ Jesus!

Sanctification requires

– Philippians 3:15

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- Christianity is a thinking man's faith. You must think to grow!
- _____ determines _____: Garbage in, garbage out *OR* Bible in, Bible out!
- Knowing the will of God comes through a day-by-day walk with Him and a willingness to be led by Him – **John 8:31-32**

Sanctification requires a foundation of truth – Philippians 3:16

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- Obtaining truth comes through a day-by-day walk with Him and a willingness to be led by Him. – **John 8:31-32**
- Obtaining truth comes through the process of sanctification!

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Discussion Questions

1. What does God's call on your life look like? Does understanding the sanctification process better help you face what you are going through, *OR* will go through?
2. What area of discipline(s) do you need to work on the most? How has a deficit in that particular discipline stifled your spiritual growth? Give some practical steps on how to improve; example: get an accountability partner, etc.
3. For some of us, we need to '*slow down*,' i.e., stop taking on too much. For others we need to '*speed up*,' i.e., be obedient and get moving in the direction God called has called us. Do you need to '*speed up*' or '*slow down*' in your process of sanctification?
4. What is God demonstrating to **you** in **your** sanctification process?

Notes



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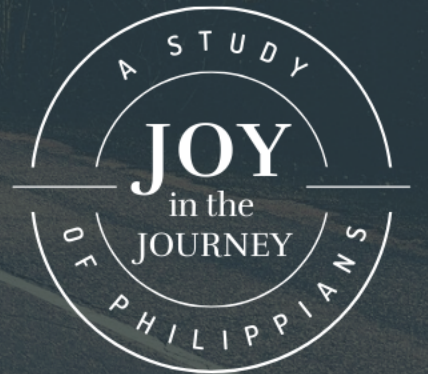


- Philippians is a book about **sanctification**
 - 1:6 / 1:27 / 1:29 / 2:12-13 / 3:12-16
- Three types of Sanctification:
positional, progressive, and ultimate.



Principle # 1: Sanctification
requires knowing your
position – Philippians 3:12a

One of the marks of maturity is the realization of our imperfection.

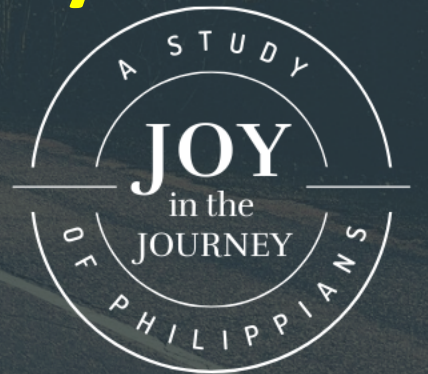


Principle # 2: Sanctification

requires **discipline** –

Philippians 3:12b

However, this must be done in power of the **Holy Spirit!** – Galatians 5:16, 22-25; Ephesians 5:18

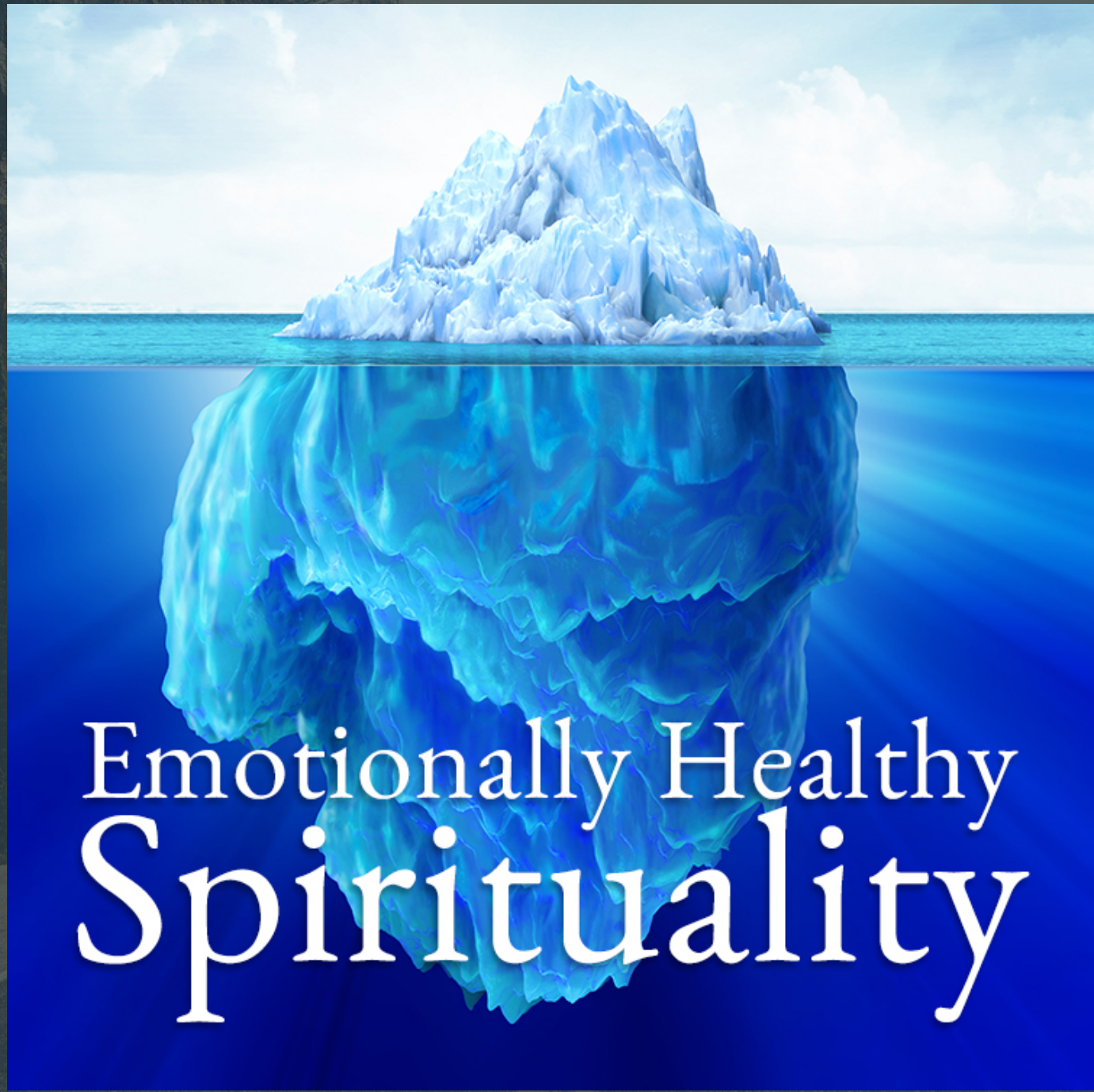


Principle # 3:

Sanctification requires

Focus – Philippians 3:13-14





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Prinicple # 5: Sanctification

requires **thinking**

– Philippians 3:15

- **Outlook** determines **outcome**: Garbage in, garbage out *or* Bible in, Bible out!



Principle # 5:
Sanctification requires a
foundation of truth –
Philippians 3:16





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