



Scriptures for further study

2 Peter 1:5-10 | Romans 12:1-2 | Ephesians 4:29

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Philippians 2:12-16

1. What daily task is most difficult for you to do without complaining or arguing? Why? When do you most often find yourself grumbling in your relationship with God?
2. In Philippians 2:12-13, how do we live obediently to God, according to Paul in these verses? What is the difference between working out your salvation and working for your salvation? Arrogance and pride are the opposite of "fear and trembling." Why is there no place for arrogance and pride in a believer who is working out his or her salvation? What is God's responsibility and what is yours for achieving God's "good pleasure"? What are some reasons that believers might fail to grow spiritually?
3. Philippians 2:14-16, why are complaining and arguing so harmful to the church and its witness to the world? Having Christ's mindset and demonstrating it in the church's fellowship would preclude grumbling and arguing. Both terms indicated self-assertiveness, which was the opposite attitude of self-giving that Christ modeled. How are we to model self-giving?
4. In what way do you shine forth as different from the world? Does this fact bring you joy or sorrow? Why? In what ways should a Christian be different from the world? What should be our motive in seeking to be shining examples of Christian living?
5. What step can you take this week to make your faith in Christ and the power of the gospel more evident to others? In what ways are you consistently demonstrating your faith in (commitment to) Christ? What are some activities that lead to the spiritual growth Paul encouraged? What active steps are you taking toward spiritual growth in your relationships at work, at home, and so forth?
6. Similarly, what steps are you taking toward spiritual transformation with the stewardship of your finances and your time? With your church involvement? What is the ultimate consequence of living the "Yes!" life?