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Sermon Notes

Living Out Our Salvation Philippians 2:12-13

1. In verse 12, Paul says it is even more important to obey his instructions now that he is absent from them. Reminding them to remain obedient even when there wasn't the pressure of his presence, and that our spiritual responsibility is to the Lord and not man. How do you respond when no one is watching? How do you behave when you know you can get away with misbehavior? What does this say about your spiritual growth and spiritual maturity?

Luke 12:2-3, 1 Timothy 5:24-25, Luke 8:17, Ecclesiastes 12:14

2. Paul says we should work hard to show the result of our salvation. This is a reminder that spiritual growth requires effort. Are you working hard to show the results of your salvation? Are you training for godliness? Where do you need more discipline? Where do you need to get more serious about your faith? Surrender those things now.

1 Corinthians 9:25-27, 1 Timothy 4:7-8, Hebrews 12:1-2, James 1:22-25

3. Our attitude in working out our salvation is to be done in reverence and fear, meaning to give God the honor He deserves and to focus on not offending Him in our sin. Look over the list of ways to honor God. In what ways do you risk dishonoring God? When we look at honor as the value we place on something or someone, what value do you place on God? Are you concerned that you are offending God? Where do you risk offending God?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Proverbs 3:9, Romans 14:8, Isaiah 29:13, Psalm 37:4, Isaiah 55:6, Psalm 51:5, Genesis 39:9

4. Paul reminds us that although we must put forth effort in our walk with the Lord, it is God who is doing the work in us, giving us the desire and the power to do what pleases Him. Where do you need to let God change your will and change your actions?

Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 15:10

5. What are the circumstances in your life right now that seem impossible? Are you trying to solve it with your power or submitting to God's power? Are you letting God work in you?

Matthew 19:26, Romans 8:31-39, 2 Chronicles 29-30

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¹²Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.