

I. Cooperating With Those Who Lead You (12-13)

A. Living in spiritual integrity (12a) – “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence...”

B. Taking initiative with your own soul (12b) – “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling...”

C. Partnering with God for His purposes (13) – “...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

II. Aligning Our Activities with Our Identity (14-15)

A. Holy Spirit will help us with our speech (14) – “Do all things without grumbling or disputing...”

B. Father will help us with family resemblance (15a) – “...that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish.”

C. Jesus will help us illuminate the world (15b) – “...in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...”

III. Remembering That We Have A Finish Line (16-18)

A. Therefore, stay faithful to the truth (16a) – “...holding fast to the word of life...”

B. Therefore, highly value how God has invested in you (16b) – “...so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.”

C. Therefore, live sacrificially to finish in joy (17-18) – “Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.”