

Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”



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01. Happiness is external. Joy is internal.



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2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”



- 1. Happiness is external. Joy is internal.**
- 2. Happiness is based on Circumstances.
Joy is based on Christ.**



Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

“...for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.”



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- 1. Happiness is external. Joy is internal.**
- 2. Happiness is based on Circumstances.
Joy is based on Christ.**
- 3. Happiness is based on chance. Joy is
based on choice.**



Deuteronomy 30:19 (NIV)

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life...”



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Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.”



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01. Get over the distraction of what happened.



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Philippians 1:12 (NIV)

“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.”



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- 1. Get over the distraction of what happened.**
- 2. Discover the new Opportunities.**



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Philippians 1:13-14 (NIV)

“As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.”



- 1. Get over the distraction of what happened.**
- 2. Discover the new Opportunities.**
- 3. Focus on what really matters**



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Philippians 1:15-18 (NIV)

“It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.”



Philippians 1:21 (NIV)

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”



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**You can't defeat a person who has
their affections in heaven.**



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Colossians 3:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.



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