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#### **Philippians 1:12-19 (NLT)**

12 And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. 13 For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. 14 And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

15 It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. 16 They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. 17 Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. 18 But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will

continue to rejoice. 19 For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

**Galatians 4:6 (NLT)** “And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.”

**Romans 8:9-11 (NLT)** “But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) 10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.”

**Paul is helping us to gain some insight to his success...**

- **One, He had people praying for him...**
- **Two, He listened to, trusted in, and followed the Holy Spirit...**

**John 16:13 (NLT)** “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

**Acts 16:6-10 (NLT)** “Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. 7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. 8 So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. 9 That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” 10 So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.”

**Acts 13:1-3 (NLT)** “Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. 2 One day as these men were worshiping

the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." 3 So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way."

## **HOW TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

### **FIRST: THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEVER LEAD YOU APART FROM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD...**

**John 16:13 (NLT)** "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future."

### **SECOND: YOU WILL HAVE AN INNER WITNESS OR AN INNER KNOWING...**

**Romans 8:16 (NLT)** "For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children."

**Romans 9:1 (NLT)** "With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it."

**Romans 9:1 (NKJV)** "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,"

**1 John 3:18-20 (NKJV)** My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

**Acts 23:1 (NLT)** "Brothers, I have always lived before God with a clear conscience!"

**Acts 24:16 (NLT)** "I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people."

**1 Timothy 4:1-5 (NKJV)** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every

creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”

**1 Timothy 4:2 (NLT)** “... their consciences are dead.”

**Romans 1:28 (NIV84)** “Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done”

**Romans 1:28 (TPT)** “And because they thought it was worthless to embrace the true knowledge of God, God gave them over to a worthless mind-set, to break all rules of proper conduct.”

**Romans 1:28 (AMP)** “And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,”

James 4:17 (NLT) “Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”