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### Philippians 1:12-26 (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.

20 For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. 21 For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. 22 But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. 23 I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. 24 But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

25 Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. 26 And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

## **LEARN TO LIVE ABOVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES!**

### **FIRST: PAUL KNEW HIS POSITION IN CHRIST AND THAT GOD WAS IN CONTROL OF HIS LIFE...**

**Verse 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.

#### **KNOW = Ginosko**

- **Recognize - Be aware of - Understand.**
- **To learn - To acquire information.**

**Verses 12-14...** 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.

#### **KNOWS = Phaneros**

- **Widely known - Well known**
- **Evident - Clearly known.**
- **Clearly seen - Visible - Plain to the senses**

**Philippians 4:11-14 (NLT)** "... I have learned how to be content with

whatever I have. 12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. 13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. 14 Even so, you have done well to share with me in my present difficulty.”

### **How maintain a bad attitude?**

- **Always play the victim...**
- **Blame everything on everyone else...**
- **Focus on the negative in everyone and everything...**
- **Talk about people behind their back and see the fault in everyone but yourself...**

### **1. YIELD: Yield your life completely to Him...**

**Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)** “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect”

### **2. TRUST: Trust Him to take care of you...**

**John 14:1 (NLT)** “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.”

### **3. KNOW: Know that He is in control of everything...**

**1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NLT)** “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.”