



WEEK 3 DEVOTIONAL
WORTHY: Living Your Best Life NOW

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read and/or listen to Philippians 2:12-30, two times. Before and after each reading, pray, asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scriptures. Consider where there is instruction by Paul. Where Paul wants us to see cause and effect – a result. And where is Paul giving us an example?

REFLECT

1. Verse 12–13. What is your response to these words? What are you supposed to “work out”?
2. The New Testament teaches that salvation is a gift from God. How are we to “work out” a gift that is given to us by God’s grace?
3. Paul adds “fear and trembling.” Why do you think Paul adds this at the end of the verse? What causes the fear and trembling? Is this figurative or real?
4. Verse 13 provides an answer–“for it is God who works...” What does that mean to you? Is this contradictory? Who is working, you or God?
5. How does it help you to live your faith knowing God is there working in and through you as you turn towards Him?

6. Paul's second instruction – Verse 14 “without grumbling or disputing.”
What is your reaction? Is this easy or hard for you? Think of your past week, has this been generally true? What caused you to grumble? Do you think you grumble more than you give thanks? How would your closest family and friends answer this about you?
7. What spiritual practices can you engage in to help shift you away from grumbling to celebrating and expressing gratitude?
8. These words from Paul are drawn from the stories of the Israelites in the wilderness. What lessons do you think Paul wants us to draw from Exodus 16,17 and Numbers 1? How does this bring new light on how God views complaining and grumbling in our lives?
9. And then Paul describes a result in versus 14–16a. “blameless and innocent.... shining lights in the dark world”. As you read this what comes up in you? What do you understand the result to mean?
10. Paul completes the passage with two examples of lives lived in a worthy way of the Gospel. Review the start of the Philippians until this point and reflect on how Timothy and Epaphroditus are living examples.

RESPOND

Turn this inspiring and challenging passage into a prayer. Work through each section or verse of the passage rewriting it as a prayer asking the Holy Spirit for the grace and ability to live a worthy life - a life that is reflecting the way of Jesus as described here. Share these prayers with us! Post on the Grow Facebook Page or send to Pastor Eric Haskins: ehaskins@ChristcChurch.us.

RESOURCES

- Great, short, video [overview of Philippians by The Bible Project](#).
- [Photo of the Year](#) and [Story](#): During our Classic worship service on this day Pastor Eric Haskins shared his photo of the year with us.