

Private Going Public
Part 6 of “Rejoice in the Lord”
A Study of the Book of Philippians
Phil. 2:12-18

Intro. “The Christian life is not one of ups and downs, but of ins and outs.”

- WARREN WIERSBE

I. WORK Out Your Own SALVATION (2:12-13)

- A. EXHORTING People Already Saved
(1:1; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:4-8; Rom. 4:1-8)
- B. ENCOURAGEMENT to “Work Out”, not “Work For”
- C. EVIDENCE Testing the Genuineness of Salvation
(James 2:14-26; II Cor. 5:17; John 15:1-8, 16; Matt. 7:15-20; I John)
- D. ENERGIZED by God’s Work In Us
(Phil. 2:13; Eph. 3:20; I Cor. 15:10; II Cor. 3:5; Col. 1:28-29; II Peter 1:3-4, 5-10)
- E. EFFECTIVE in Accomplishing God’s Good Pleasure (2:13)

II. WEED Out Your Own CONVERSATION (2:14-18)

- A. PROHIBITION Against Murmuring and Disputing (2:14)
- B. PROBLEMS With Murmuring and Disputing (Ex.16:1-3; Numbers 14:1-10;20-23, 26-29; 36-37; 16:41-50; Psa.106:24-27; I Cor.10:10; II Cor. 9:7; I Peter 4:9; James 5:9)
 - 1. Shows DISSATISFACTION with God’s PROVISION
 - 2. Shows DISINTEREST in God’s PLAN
 - 3. Shows DISBELIEF in God’s POWER
 - 4. Shows DISRESPECT for God’s PEOPLE
 - 5. Shows DISPLEASURE in God’s PERSON
- C. POTENTIAL Without Murmuring and Disputing (2:15-18)
 - 1. Blameless CHILDREN Among Perverted Generation
 - 2. Bright LIGHTS in our World of Darkness
 - 3. Bringing LIFE to Those Who are Dying

Paul says that such living brought him and others great joy.

Is your God-produced inward life growing outward?