

Philippians 2:12-30 Study Questions

Read Philippians 2:12-13

What does it mean to “work out your salvation?”

How do you measure how well are you doing this?

Why do this with “fear and trembling?”

In what ways are you aware of God working “in you to will and act according to His purposes?”

Why do we often resort to complaining and arguing to make our points?

Why does Paul urge Christians not be known for complaining and arguing?

What does it mean to be blameless and pure?

Who have you watched behave as “a child of God” in the midst of “a crooked and depraved generation?” How have they influenced you?

How would a non-Christian say you are different from his or her non-Christian friends?

What does it mean to shine like stars in a dark world?

Why can a Christian rejoice when suffering for Christian faith?

Read Philippians 2:19-24

Timothy was described as one who had “a genuine interest in your welfare?” How do you recognize someone like this?

In what way can a Christian be “proved” by his or her service for Christ?

Paul had hoped to come to see the Philippians in person? What do you dream of doing for Christ sometime in the next five years?

Read Philippians 2:25-30

What needs do you think led the Philippian church to send Epaphroditus to help care for Paul?

What do you do when you become distressed about news of the illness of a friend? What would be the benefit to the Philippian church of seeing Epaphroditus in person?

How does expecting the best of someone motivate him or her? What reaction does a judging and condemning attitude bring? What style best personifies you?

We are often urged to practice appreciation for Christians who have blessed our lives. How well have you done this?

(Questions are based on the New International Version of the Bible. Other translations may add insight into the answers to the questions.)