

Sermon Notes

January 7, 2018 Philippians 1:1,2,9-14

Finding Joy In The Journey:

In Difficult Moments

Often _____ is based on how _____ my circumstances are around _____.

Christian joy is not based on _____, it's based on a _____ with Jesus Christ.

What gives Paul joy is _____ on what God is doing in _____.

Paul is _____ focusing on _____ success with God and not his own circumstances.

Because of his imprisonment, _____ began Prison Ministries to help inmates.

How can I expand my prayer to pray that others would grow in _____, _____, and insight of _____?

Do you live lives, _____ live lives where you _____ your time?

If you don't intentionally _____ your life for _____, then how can you _____ your life to the glory and praise of _____?

Who will I pray for this year?

[Sermon Note Answers: happiness, good, me, circumstances, relationship, focusing, others, intentionally, others, Chuck Colson, love, knowledge, God, intentionally, order, order, God, live, God]

Weekly Devotions

God speaks to us today by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit, “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will *teach* you all things and will *remind* you of everything I have said to you.”

This week, begin your quiet time with God by having your Bible and some paper/notebook in which to write some observations from God on. Use the following instructions for your time with God:

1. Ask God to first quiet your heart and mind so that you are available to God.
2. Ask God to speak to your heart as you read the scripture for the day.
 - a. Write down the most meaningful part of the scripture you read today.
 - b. In one or two sentences, write down the impression you received as you read this particular part of the scripture.
 - c. Finally write down what you feel God wants you to learn or do as a result of what impressed you.

Scriptures to Read:

- **MONDAY– Philippians 1:9-18**
- **TUESDAY – Job 1:8-22**
- **WEDNESDAY – Romans 1:8-17**
- **THURSDAY – 1 Peter 1:13-25**
- **FRIDAY – 1 Peter 3:13-18**
- **SATURDAY – 1 Peter 4:1-10**