



Working It Out in Community

Philippians 2:12-18

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Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of

Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 1:27 (NLT)

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.

Philippians 2:12

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Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

“The words ‘work out’ are the translation of a Greek word which means ‘to carry out to the goal, to carry to its ultimate conclusion.’”

- *Wuest’s Word Studies from the Greek New Testament*

Philippians 2:12

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Psalms 2:11

Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

Psalms 119:120

My flesh trembles in fear of you;

I stand in awe of your laws.

“‘Aslan is a lion-the Lion, the great Lion.’

‘Ooh,’ said Susan, ‘I’d thought he was a man. Is he-quite safe?

I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion’

... ‘Safe?’ said Mr Beaver ... ‘Who said anything about safe?

Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.’”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

“Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.”

- Mark Twain

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

"God works in us before He works through us, and He uses the Word."

- *Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament*

"The Christian life is not a series of ups and downs. It is rather a process of 'ins and outs.' God works in, and we work out. We cultivate the submissive mind by responding to the divine provisions God makes available to us."

- *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

Philippians 2:14

Do everything without grumbling or arguing.

1 Corinthians 10:10

And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

Grumble: to murmur, whisper... slanderer (1), whisperer (3), murmur, A primitive root; to grumble, i.e. Rebel

“‘Complaining’ is the translation of a word which reflects a bad attitude expressed in grumbling.”

- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*

Philippians 2:15a

So that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”

Philippians 2:15b

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.

Star Clusters: A star cluster is a group of stars that share a common origin and are gravitationally bound for some length of time.

Philippians 2:16-18

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