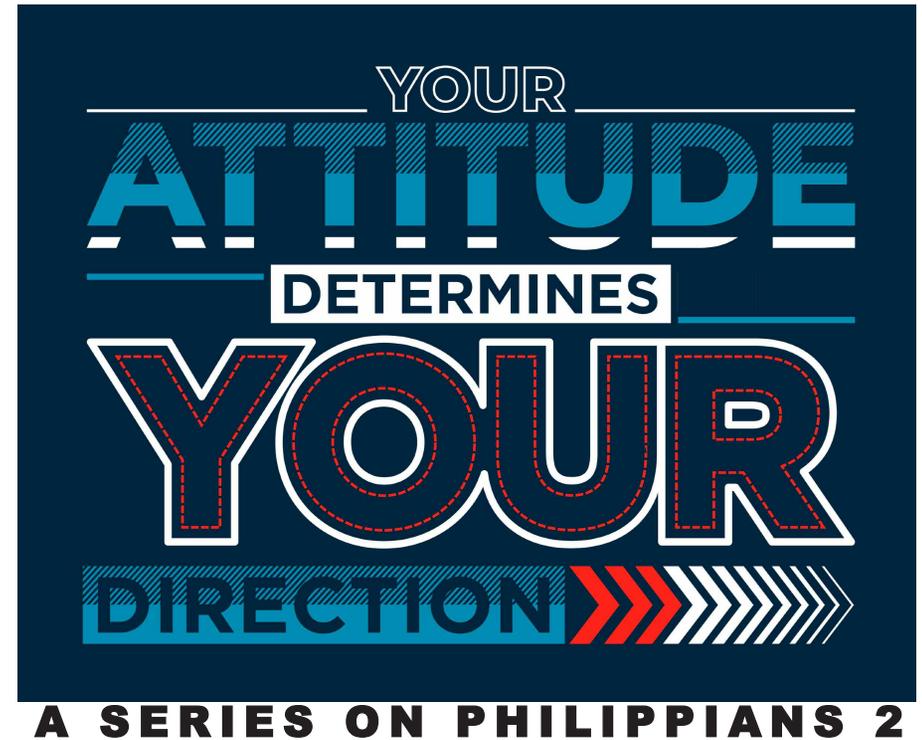


Philippians 2:12-18

¹² 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, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe ¹⁶ as you hold out the word of life - in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labour for nothing. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.



“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus”
Philippians 2:5

1. An attitude of humility 2:1-5
2. An attitude of servanthood 2:5-11
- 3. An attitude of obedience 2:12-18**
4. An attitude of sincerity 2:19-24
5. An attitude of courage 2:25-30

An Attitude of Obedience **Philippians 2:12-18**

v.5 Your _____ should be the same as that of Christ Jesus

OBEDIENCE IS A LIFESTYLE CHOICE

1. Obedience is a _____

v.12 ...as you have always obeyed

Phil 1:27 conduct yourselves in a manner _____ of the gospel of Christ

2. Obedience will be _____

v.12 ...but now much more in my absence

D.L. Moody: Character is what you are _____

3. Obedience takes _____

v.12 Work out your salvation with _____ and _____

(Rom 6:23; John 3:16; Eph 2:8-10)

John 14:15 If you love me you will...

Obedience isn't easy, there is incredible pressure from the world we live in which Paul describes as a _____ & _____ generation

We are to work _____ what God is working _____

OBEDIENCE WILL MAKE YOU SHINE

What is God's purpose for my life? (v.13 and Romans 8:28-29):

v.14-15 Do everything without _____ or _____

Why is this significant in becoming pure and blameless?

In order to have an attitude of obedience to His word:

1.

2.

3.

v.16 Why is it important that I "shine"?

1. When we think of obedience, we often think of having to do something that we don't want to do. How would you describe having an attitude of obedience?

2. We are saved by grace through faith, and not by works (Eph 2:8-10), so what does it mean to work out your salvation with fear and trembling?

3. The people of Philippi were known for their obedience to Christ. What did Peter mean in his sermon when he said that obedience begins with a decision?

4. Verse 12 says, "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence."
Dwight L. Moody said, "Character is what you are in the dark."
Obedience will be tested, and the greatest tests come when we are away from those that keep us accountable. How hard do you find it to be obedient to Christ when you are in those testing situations?

5. Obedience takes work, which is why we are told to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. What can you do to become more obedient to the word of God? (Also, read Ephesians 6:10-18. Explain what this means practically in our lives - especially with reference to being obedient to Christ)

6. God is working on us, to change us into the image of Christ (Romans 8:28-29), so that we will become blameless, pure, and without fault. Verse 14 says that in order to achieve this, we need to do everything without complaining or arguing. Why is this so important?

7. Most of us at some time, have failed to be obedient to Christ and His word. On your notes opposite, are three steps to making obedience to Christ a reality in our daily lives. What are they? Explain each one.

8. Verse 16 says that then you will shine like a star in the universe as you hold out the word of life.

Why is obedience to Christ so significant to shining like a star?

Why is it important that I "shine"?

What does it mean, "...as we hold out the word of life"?