

STRENGTH FOR STRESSFUL TIMES
Part 1 - HOW TO BE JOYFUL NO MATTER WHAT
Bethesda Church, Prior Lake

Philippians 1:12-26

I rejoice, and I will continue to rejoice! (v18)

THE FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR JOYFUL LIVING

1. I need a perspective _____
(v12-14)

Paul's view of circumstances: _____

Now I want you to know, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

When I face problems joyfully...

1. It _____
(v13)

2. It _____
(v14)

And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love him. Romans 8:28

LESSON: _____

2. I NEED A PRIORITY _____
(v15-18)

Paul's response to his critics:

But what does it matter? THE IMPORTANT THING is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. (v18)
Prov. 3:5-6

In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

LESSON: _____

3. I NEED A POWER _____ (v19-20)

Paul's source of strength:

I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed.

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

LESSON: _____

4. I NEED A PURPOSE _____
(v20-26)

Paul's reason for living:

For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. (v21)

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

Paul's concern (v22-26):

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2 _____

LESSON: J _____

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Y _____

"For me to live is _____"

How would I complete this statement?