

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

Has Been Given

12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important.

I have told you what to do now keep doing it
Just because I am not present doesn't mean you can slack off
You have no excuse
You can't say you didn't know
Paul wants to make sure that they are committed to God and not just to him

Steps Must Be Taken

12 ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

Justification - I am saved from the penalty of sin
Sanctification - I am progressively becoming more like Christ
Glorification - I am forever saved from the presence of sin

1 John 2:3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.
4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.
5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.

Power Is Present

13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace— who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood—

21 may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him.

2 Timothy 1:13 Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus.

14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

Attitude Is Demanded

14 Do everything without complaining and arguing,

1 Timothy 4:7 Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.

8 "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

Lives Are To Be Lived

15 so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

Romans 16:19 But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong.

1 Corinthians 14:20 Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things. Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind.

Is Necessary

16 Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

Hebrews 4:14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.

Joy is Available

17 But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy.

18 Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

Romans 12:11 Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.
12 Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

Romans 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink,
but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:11 Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last
words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and
peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.