

Philippians 1:12-26

Four Perspectives that will Challenge your Thinking

1. A Gospel Perspective in Adversity (vv. 12-14)

a. Paul's adverse circumstances

i. External reach (v. 13)

ii. Internal growth (v. 14)

2. A Gospel Perspective on Evangelism (vv. 15-18a)

a. Wrong motives (vv. 15a, 17)

b. Sincere motives (vv. 15b, 16)

3. A Gospel Perspective on Life (vv. 18b-21)

a. Confidence in deliverance (v. 19)

b. Paul's intent to glorify Christ (vv. 20-21)

4. A Gospel Perspective on Ministry (vv. 22-26)

a. Paul's willingness to serve others

Application of Phil 1:12-26

1. Paul faced death for preaching the Gospel but this did not prevent him or others in Rome speaking the good news. Does the fear of what others think change your evangelistic efforts? If so, repent and ask God to give you love and boldness for Him and opportunities to share the Gospel with others.
2. Are there challenges in your life that you need to look at with a new perspective i.e. with a Gospel focus?
3. What type of attitude do you have toward Christians who may have different theology than you but are committed to the Gospel?
4. Can you say you agree with Paul, "to live is Christ, to die is gain"? If not, what may be preventing you from living with this perspective? Furthermore, what can you do remove this issue?
5. Are you involved in ministry for the benefit of others or some other reason? If you're not involved in ministry at WGC please ask how to get involved

Reading this week: Read Acts 28:11-31 to understand Paul's imprisonment and ministry in Rome. Read Phil 1:12 – 2:4 each day this week.