

DISCOVER THE JOY

#3 Joy in Making a Difference

Philippians 2:12-18

CHARACTERISTICS OF JOY-BRINGING DIFFERENCE MAKERS

1. POSITION YOURSELF FOR JOY. Phil. 2:12-13

- A. In order to be a difference maker, you've got to be different.
- B. In order to be a difference maker, you've got to be disciplined.

This passage does not teach that we “work for” our salvation.

This passage teaches that we must “work out” our salvation.

Simple spiritual disciplines:

- Read one chapter of your Bible every day.
- Pray five minutes every day.
- Serve someone every week.
- Worship God every week.
- Fellowship with other disciples every week.

II. BE FILLED WITH GOD. Philippians 2:12-13

- A. The thing that makes us positively different is the powerful presence of God in our lives.
- B. The key to living the Christian life is...Christ. Christ in me/ the Holy Spirit.

- C. The key to effective ministry is yielding to and cooperating with the Holy Spirit.
- D. The power and desire to please God comes from God in me.

III. CHOOSE JOY. Philippians 2:14

- A. Difference makers can control their response to their surroundings.
- B. Difference makers decide not to be defined by their difficulties.

IV. LIVE RIGHT, SHINE BRIGHT. Phil. 2:14-16

- A. Virtuous lives verify the validity of our faith
- B. Steadfast living causes us to shine in a dark world.

V. SPEAK UP ABOUT JESUS. Philippians 2:16-18

- A. There is a time when we must speak up and go tell people about Jesus.
- B. Sharing the good news about Jesus is a moral obligation.