

**HOW TO BE JOYFUL NO MATTER WHAT**  
**How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life - Part 2 of 12**  
**Philippians 1:12-26**

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"... I rejoice ... and I will continue to rejoice." (vs. 18)

THE 4 ESSENTIALS FOR JOYFUL LIVING

**I. I NEED A PERSPECTIVE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs. 12-14)

Paul's view of his circumstances:

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

When I face problems joyfully

It (vs. 13)

It (vs. 14)

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

**LESSON:**

**II. I NEED A PRIORITY** \_\_\_\_\_  
(VS. 15-18)

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." (vs. 18)

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Prov. 3:6 (LB)

**LESSON:**

**III. I NEED A POWER** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs. 19-20)

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 have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." Phil. 4:13 (GN)

**LESSON:**

**IV. I NEED A PURPOSE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vs. 20-26)

Paul's reason for living:

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (vs. 21)

"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." Phil. 3:13-14

Paul's concern:  
(vs. 22-26)

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