



Lessons for Life

My Circumstances

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Philippians 1:12-21

"... I rejoice ... and I will continue to rejoice."

Philippians 1:18 (NIV)

Living Above Our Circumstances Requires ...

I. A new **PERSPECTIVE** (vs. 12-14)

"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel." Philippians 1:12 (NIV)

When I face problems joyfully...

It provides a **TESTIMONY** (vs. 13)

It promotes **COURAGE** (vs. 14)

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

Truth: I should remember God has a PURPOSE in every problem in life.

II. A needed PRIORITY (vs. 15-18)

"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." Philippians 1:18(NIV)

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

Truth: I should remember to focus on what matters MOST.

III. A necessary 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..." Philippians 1:18-20 (NIV)

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

LESSON: I should remember with God's power nothing can DEVASTATE me.

IV. A noble PURPOSE (vs. 20-26)

Paul's reason for living:

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain"
Philippians 1:21(NIV)

"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 (NIV)

LESSON: JESUS first

OTHERS second

YOURSELF third