

Sermon Notes

God Empowers Our Obedience

Philippians 2:12-16

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

2:12 Always obedient, keep going

“You all must work out your salvation”

“with fear and trembling”

2:13 God energizes our obedience.

“for God is the one who works in you”

(*energeo* ref.: Ephesians 1:19-20, 1 Cor. 12:6 & 11)

“to will, and to work for good pleasure”

God has a plan that pleases Him and is good for us.

2:14 “You must do all things without grumbling and disputing”

Against God

(Ref.: Exodus 16, Luke 5:22, 6:8, 9:47)

2:15-16 You will be a good representative of Christ,
a light to the world

“blameless and innocent”

“children of God”

“without blemish”

“in the middle of a crooked and perverse generation”

“among whom you are being shined as
lights in the world”

“holding fast to the word of life”

The preaching of God’s word to you will not have been pointless.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Application questions for 8/28/2016 sermon
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When you hear or read God's word, are you usually thinking about what you need to do to obey it? Said another way, do you usually go away from hearing or reading God's word, intending to obey, if there was something in it that suggested action, suggested a change you need to make?

(Given, there are times where the passage was just teaching you something to know about God.)

“Grumbling” is complaining, it could be to God or even under your breath, about what God wants you to do. If you ever grumble about what God has told you to do, please share how you do that and why you think you do it?

Would you like to change that, and why?

“Disputing” is rationalize that God doesn't know what He is talking about. You think you know better. If you ever dispute what God has told you to do, please share how you do that and why you think you do it?

If you do that, do you think that is right? Do you think we really can know better than God?

If we don't know better than God, why do you think we dispute what He tells us?

Would you like to change that you dispute with Him and His ways?

Do you believe that doing things God's ways in life is really good for you?

In what ways might it play out to be good for you?

It what ways might it not seem to be working out to be good for you, but it is?
(could look at James 1:2-4)

(Make sure so make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

What do you think it might look like to depend on God to work in you, with regard to behavioral and character change?

If you have had an instance where you think that has happened, would you please briefly share with the group? If it has happened many times, pick one.

(If you don't make it to this question, it's okay)

Do you maybe tend too much toward trying to accomplish all the changes in your life by your own efforts, not looking to God to empower you? Why do you think you have done that?

Looking at verses 15-16, do you want your life to be a good representation of Christ, a light to people who don't know Christ?

What do you think needs to change for that to happen?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?