

PHILIPPIANS

Transformed By Christ (2:12-30)

Questions: Week Four

Shining as Stars - [Philippians 2:12-18](#)¹

Topics: [Arguments](#), [Believers](#), [Complaining](#), [God](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Joy](#), [Obedience](#), [People](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Salvation](#), [Serving](#), [Sin](#), [Witnessing](#), [Work](#)

Open It

1. Would you prefer to explore the universe aboard a spacecraft or looking through a powerful telescope? Why?
2. What do you most enjoy about the nighttime sky?
3. What is the most frequent complaint you hear?
4. *Who pointed the way for you in your first job?

Explore It

5. *What did the Philippian Christians need to obey? ([2:12](#))
6. What were the Philippian believers to work out? ([2:12-13](#))
7. How would God help the Philippians obey Him? ([2:12-13](#))
8. What instructions did Paul give in relation to everyday Christian living? ([2:14-16](#))
9. *Why were the Philippians not shining "like stars" in their world? ([2:14-16](#))
10. Why did the Philippian assembly need to show a united front to unbelievers? ([2:14-16](#))
11. What would enable Paul to boast about the Philippians? ([2:14-16](#))
12. Whose honor was Paul concerned about? ([2:16](#))
13. *How did Paul view his own life? ([2:17](#))
14. How did Paul view the faith of the Philippian believers? ([2:17](#))
15. What did Paul want his friends at Philippi to experience? ([2:18](#))

1. *Adult Questions for LESSONMaker*, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "Shining as Stars - Philippians 2:12-18".

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16. What does it mean "to work out your salvation with fear and trembling"?
17. What do you tend to complain and argue about?
18. *What godly qualities make Christians "shine like stars"?
19. *How does shining for Christ encourage others to be drawn to Him?
20. What Christian leader has personally invested in your growth as a follower of Christ?
21. How can you help new believers "shine like stars" for God's kingdom?

Apply It

22. In what situations this week do you need to make a conscious effort not to complain or argue?
23. *Before whom do you want to shine in your place of work or neighborhood? In what ways can you do so?
24. What sacrifices can you make for the sake of others today?

Timothy and Epaphroditus - [Philippians 2:19-30](#)²

Topics: [Church](#), [Encouragement](#), [God](#), [Honor](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Partnerships](#),
[Risk](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Sickness](#)

Open It

1. *When was the last time you gave a character reference for a friend?
2. If close friends were to talk about you behind your back, what would they say?

Explore It

3. Why did Paul plan to send Timothy to the Philippians? ([2:19](#))
4. *What was Paul's opinion of Timothy? ([2:20](#))
5. What was Timothy's relationship with the church at Philippi? ([2:20](#))
6. *In Paul's view, why did Timothy stand out? ([2:21-22](#))
7. When would Paul send Timothy to the Philippians? ([2:23](#))
8. Why was Paul confident that he would revisit the believers at Philippi? ([2:24](#))
9. Who was Epaphroditus? ([2:25](#))
10. Why did the Philippians send Epaphroditus to Paul? ([2:25](#))
11. How did Epaphroditus feel about his friends in Philippi? ([2:26](#))
12. What happened to Epaphroditus? ([2:26-27](#))
13. How did God spare Paul tremendous sorrow? ([2:27](#))
14. How did Paul demonstrate his selflessness? ([2:28](#))
15. *How were the Philippians told to welcome home Epaphroditus? ([2:29-30](#))
16. Why were the Philippians told to honor their messenger? ([2:30](#))

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17. *Among your circle of Christian friends, for whom do you have the highest regard? Why?
18. Why could Paul count on Timothy and Epaphroditus?
19. What reputation do you have in your church?
20. *In what ways have you proved to be a reliable servant of God?
21. What risks are you willing to take on behalf of other Christians?
22. In what ways can you be God's "courier" to others?

Apply It

23. *How can you be a model of humility and service to other Christians this week?
24. This week, how can you look out for the interests of the Lord rather than your own interests?