



~ Thought For The Day ~

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord I ask that each person is blessed with favor, flood them with Your love. Give them peace and I ask that You supply their needs, and bless them with their daily bread. Protect them and charge the angels concerning them and send them out before them to clear their path of any evil or harm, I ask it in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Worship Music

[In Christ Alone-Lou Fellingham](#)

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Scripture

Philippians I (KJV; 2005)

Philippians I:1-30 (KJV)

- ¹ Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
- ² Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
- ⁴ Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,
- ⁵ For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;
- ⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:
- ⁷ Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.
- ⁸ For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.
- ⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;
- ¹⁰ That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
- ¹¹ Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.
- ¹² But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;
- ¹³ So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*;
- ¹⁴ And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.
- ¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:
- ¹⁶ The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:
- ¹⁷ But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

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¹⁸ What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

¹⁹ For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

²⁰ According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

²¹ For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

²² But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

²³ For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

²⁴ Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

²⁵ And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

²⁶ That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your conversation be as it cometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

²⁸ And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

²⁹ For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

³⁰ Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.



Timothy (v. 1) probably wrote the letter at Paul's dictation. He had helped Paul found the Philippian church, so Paul had him join in the salutation. Timothy had also helped in the writing of other letters: 1 Corinthians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, and Philemon.

Paul's prayer for them. (vv. 3-11). This is the way Paul nearly always starts his letters. Compare the beautiful prayers in Ephesians 1:16-23; 3:14-19; Colossians 1:9-12.

Partnership in the gospel (v. 5) refers to the gift of money they had sent him. This made them participants in his work.

The Gospel in Rome (vv.12-18). His coming to Rome as a prisoner had turned out to be a help rather than a hindrance in making Christ known in the imperial city. It had given him access to official circles, so that he had some converts at Nero's court (4:22). As he had rejoiced that night in the Philippian jail (Acts 16:25), so now he was rejoicing in his Roman chains (v. 18).

Paul's desire for death (vv. 19-26). No doubt there were ever present pains in his scarred and broken body from repeated stoning and beatings. He was by now an old man. He knew that the churches needed him, but he longed to go home to be with Christ. Still, it was no great matter. Whether he was in prison or in paradise. Christ was his life and joy. Whether he was to depart or remain was in God's hands. And in spite of his desire to be with Christ, he was still hoping to return to Philippi (v. 26: 2:24).

The sufferings of the Philippians (vv. 27-30). The church in Philippi had been in existence for 10 years, and they were still being persecuted. Paul kept his eye on the day of vindication, when the tables would be turned and their persecutors would reap what they had sown (v. 28; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10). (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes, commentaries; pages 812-813)

"Servant" is bond slave. A bond slave had no rights and was totally at the disposal of his master. "Saint" means holy, Holy people are set apart and different from others. Paul notes that the place of the saints is in Christ Jesus. "Grace" which also means beauty and charm, was the typical Greek salutation. The typical Hebrew salutation was and is "Peace" (Shalom). Paul always went to the heart of a matter in his prayers. He prayed about the causes, not the symptoms. Paul prayed that the Philippians would have discernment, so they would spend their time on the excellent things. Paul could see that his trials were serving a purpose in God's plan to spread the Gospel. If Paul hadn't been confined in Rome he probably wouldn't have written the epistles. Paul's fervent desire was that Christ be magnified through him. Paul had mixed emotions, for he knew that when he died he'd be with Christ and that would be "far better" than to continue on earth. However, Paul felt a responsibility to the churches under him to continue to guide them in spiritual things (2 Corinthians 5:8). "Conversation" again means manner of living. Paul wanted the believers to be; of one spirit, striving together for the faith, not terrified by their enemies. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; notes and commentaries; pages 115-116)

Notice the two words "constancy" and "fearlessness" in Philippians 1:28. They describe the rock-like temperament you and I display in the face of attacks and onslaughts by our opponents and adversaries—both physical and spiritual.

When people or events come against us to destroy us, we should stand firm and confident that everything is going to work out best. We are not to change, but we must remain constant and let God do the changing of the circumstances.

When problems arise—and they will from time to time—we are not to assume that the Lord will intervene and take care of all our problems for us without our invitation. We are to pray and ask Him to change our circumstances. Then we are to remain constant and unchanging, which is a sign to the enemy of his impending downfall and destruction.

Do you know why our constancy and fearlessness are signs to Satan that he will fail? Because he knows that the only way he can come a believer is through deception and intimidation. How can he threaten someone who has no fear of him? How can he deceive someone who recognizes his lies and refuses to believe them? What good does it do him to try to stir up fear or anger or despair in someone who will not be moved by emotions but who chooses to stand firmly on the Word of God?

When the devil sees his tactics are not working, he realizes he is failing and will be utterly defeated. Stay constant and fearless; you will overcome the enemy in your life.

Proverbs 3:1-12 (KJV)

- ¹ My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:
- ² For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.
- ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:
- ⁴ So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.
- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
- ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
- ⁸ It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.
- ⁹ Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:
- ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.
- ¹¹ My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:
- ¹² For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

(Amplified Bible, Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers Ministry; 2005; Scripture, notes, & commentaries; pages 1948-1951)

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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