

Philippians 2:14-16 *Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*

1. Introduction:

- a. Gospel transforms Christian life into testimony of Christ
- b. Christian shows life of Christ inside of believer
- c. New spiritual life begins when Christians accept Jesus into their life

*2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

- d. Christian life different with fruit in their life (changed life)

2. Words of Believer

a. Reflect work of gospel

- i. Communication (verbal, written, body language) showing Christ in me (not complaining, not divisive, not gossiping, without harm)
- ii. Gospel changes our communication, speech & choice of words
- iii. Christian vocabulary to be gospel oriented

*Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

b. Realm of our work & words

- i. Our work actions cover all areas of Christian life
- ii. Word “do” is about Christian action
- iii. Profane language, cursing, divisive words, gossip? No more
- iv. Vocabulary of our words
  - Every person speaks in their mouth (hands) as they think inside of themself

*Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers [snakes], how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

- Every word anyone speaks will have to be explained later in Day of Judgment

*Matthew 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

- Christian words should reflect gospel of Christ

*Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh 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; 'becoming of gospel of Christ'*

c. Reconciliation of our words

i. Questions have many purposes depending upon intent

- To get acquainted
- To persuade
- To clear up misunderstandings
- To find out information
- To misdirect
- To create divisions
- To stir up hatreds

ii. God reaches out to persuade sinners to come to Him

*Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

iii. Word “disputing” means to create divisions, questioning to destroy

*Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

- Disputing outward expression of murmuring heart
- Disputation of outward rebellion
- Heart of disputation not at peace with God

3. Witness of Believer

a. Honest testimony

- Christian to have blameless life (without bad reputation)
- Christian described as harmless (giving no one harm)

- iii. Having character as “child of God”

*Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;*

b. Bright testimony

- i. Christians shine as bright light in morally crooked world
- ii. Sinners do many bad things (all mankind has sin inside)
- iii. Word “crooked” Greek word scolios (similar to name for bone disease scoliosis making crooked spine)
- iv. Keep the lamp glass enclosure clean so light can shine

*Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

4. Works of Believer

a. Christian responsibility

- i. Tell the Word of light to other people
- ii. Keep clear communication open (not miscommunication)

- God’s Word is alive to save

*John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

- God’s Word is the word of prophecy

*2 Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day stars arise in your hearts:*

- God’s Word told by Christians

*Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

iii. Some suggestions

- “Pass out” online tracts sharing with friends over Internet
- Hosting friends over at your home during evening service
- Hosting an event time (Facebook, Zoom, etc) with online service
- Posting gospel message online (Twitter, Facebook, etc)

b. Christian reward

- i. Motivation of future time of Christian reward in heaven

*Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

- ii. Time of rejoicing together in heaven with other human saints

*1Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*

- iii.

5. Conclusion

- a. You cannot take your possessions (things) to heaven
- b. But you can take other Christian converts with you to heaven
- c. God's blessings are for sharing (not keeping them for yourself)