

Philippians – Session #7
Philippians 2:15-30
“Living Differently”

By exhortation and by example, this passage shows us how to live in a distinctive and winsome way. Tom threads the theme of implementing a Christ-like mind throughout this very practical portion of Philippians.

For context purposes, review the following key passages that we’ve covered. For each passage, provide a brief summary or “so what” statement.

- 1: 9-11
- 1: 21
- 1:27
- 2: 2-5

Tom springboards from 2:12-13 by saying that “working out” our salvation is a result, not a cause of salvation and that we only work out what God has already worked in – our desire, drive and devotion. How conscious are you of these three elements of faith? If you could improve in only one, which would it be and why?

Tom expanded on some of the root causes of grumbling and disputing - comparison, continual discontent, and an appetite for more. Look up the following passages that provide examples of these destructive attitudes and actions. What can you learn?

- Exodus 15:24, 16:2, 17:3
- Numbers 14:1-2
- 1 Corinthians 9:9-10

What would be required to “be blameless, innocent, and without blemish?” Why is this extraordinarily challenging in a “crooked and twisted” culture?

Tom says that we are guilty of making “Christian” an adjective rather than a noun and we isolate ourselves from the world rather than permeate it. Read the following passages and reflect on what God is asking of His followers.

- John 17:14-18
- Romans 12: 1-2
- 1 John 2: 15-17

Paul points out two men who were shining examples to follow – Timothy and Epaphroditus. Look carefully through Philippians 2: 19-30. What specific qualities do you observe in each of these men?

Timothy

Epaphroditus

Tom shared the example of all of the “fruit” that has resulted from the life of his mentor, Larry Wright. What kind of fruit are you leaving for others?

Looking back on this lesson – select one way that you could make a greater impact on those around you (especially the upcoming generation) and ask for God’s strength to work this out.