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Philippians 2:12-18 (NLT) - *Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless. But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.

Learning #1 When we act like it's all up to us, we develop a bad attitude.

Philippians 2:12 (NLT) - *Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) - *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) - *For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

Learning #2 Becoming more like Jesus helps us stay joyful.

Philippians 2:14-16 (NLT) - *Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life...*

Learning #3: A right attitude keeps us serving and service increases joy.

Philippians 2:17-18 (NLT) - *But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy. Yes, you should rejoice, and I will share your joy.*

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

Philippians 2:16 (NLT) - *I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless*

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) - *For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*