



## Philippians 1:12-18

### S.P.E.C.K. Exhortation

Vs.12-Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, Vs.13-so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, Vs.14-and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have for more courage to speak the word of God without fear. Vs.15-Some to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; Vs.16-the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; Vs.17-the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. Vs,18-What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

**My Words: Martina**, Philippians 1:12-14

Vs.12-I want you to know my brothers and sisters that what has happened to me, has helped in advancing the gospel. Vs,13-Everyone knows of my imprisonment for the cause of Christ. Vs.14-My brothers and sisters in Christ have been greatly encouraged and because of their increased faith are more bold in sharing the gospel without fear.

**My Words: Raymond**, Philippians 1: 15-18

Vs.15-I am aware of those who are sharing the gospel from fleshly ambition, yet I am blessed to know of others who share Christ' message from a changed heart. Vs16-the former do it out of their great love for Him and they know I stand firm in defense of His message. Vs.17-the latter speak out of their flesh and seek personal gain, Vs.18-At any rate! What matters most is the revelation of Yeshua and His message to the lost souls of men. In this I exult and rejoice, and I will continue to exult and rejoice.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Testimony:

From the red TRUST prayer sheet to the blue 3 Column Bible Study sheet...

### B. Purpose:

Three Column Bible Study / Guide...Brief explanation

**C. Scripture:** NLT-Hebrews 4:12-For the word if God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

## II. S.P.E.C.K.

**S**---Is there a Sin to avoid

**P**---Is there a Promise, a prayer, or a praise in this passage.

**E**---Is there an Example to follow (Or not to follow)?

**C**---Is there a Command to obey?

**K**---Is there knowledge that I need to retain?

### **A. Personal S.P.E.C.K. Application**

1. E-Example
  - A. Life of Paul...committed...
  - B. Bond-servant of Christ...
  - C. Lived a life beyond his circumstances
  - D. Hunger for the lost...

**B. Personal Testimony**...Lost neighbor...dying from incurable disease...

**C. Gospel Unchained:** Paul was imprisoned but the gospel wasn't

**D. Adversity's Role:** As scripture teaches us again and again that adversity does not have to be a vehicle of despair or discouragement in the Christian life.

- Adversity is really an opportunity to practice making better choices.
- Adversity is a means in which our faith is strengthened.

**E. Which Direction Will You Go?** Picture yourself driving. You have a choice to make in which direction you want to go. As Christians we need to decide which direction, we would allow our circumstances / trials to take us. Paul chose to focus on the good while still in chains. He chose to focus on the eternal and not his temporary circumstances.

### **III. Closing Thoughts**

1. Do you recall the time in your life when you hungered for the souls of the lost?
2. What changes do you need to make to your lifestyle to demonstrate that the gospel and Christ' honor are your top priorities?