

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY – March 21, 2007

Topic: Serving God upon This Mountain... In Spite of Our Frustration – Annoyances

Passage: Philippians 2:12-18

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INTRODUCTION

- a) Is there any benefit in taking frustration in stride?
- b) The book of Philippians seems to have been occasioned by the need to explain the early return of Epaphroditus.
- c) The opportunity is then seized to address concerns such as timidity and fear in view of threats from religious and non-religious sources.
- d) In our focus passage Paul following on the citing of the example of The Lord Jesus Christ, called the Philippians to holy constraint and joy in The Lord.

INVESTIGATION

Verses 12-13: Paul calling for Reverence in view of God's Activity

- ▲ 12 – Dedication in their effort towards sanctification
- ▲ 13 – Discernment of God's effort towards their sanctification

Verses 14-16: Paul calling for Restraint in view of Ungodly Activity

- ▲ 14 – Place Guard over your words...so as to
- ▲ 15 – Produce Greatness in your Worth
- ▲ 16 – Produce Gladness in your Work

Verses 17-18: Paul calling for Rejoicing in view of Gospel Activity

- ▲ 17 – Paul's reason for joy
- ▲ 18 – Paul's request for joy

IMPLICATION

- a) Ensure Acceptable Worship
- b) Ensure Acceptable Witness
- c) Ensure Acceptable Wallow

INTEGRATION

According to the passage:

- a) What are some of the things that devalue our Worship to God?
- b) What are some of the things that distract from our Witness for God?
- c) What are some of the things that should not depress us in our Walk with God?

INTERCESSION

- a) What frustrating thing would you present to The Lord right now?
- b) Pray for each other according to what was shared.