

Philippians 1:12-30

v11	gospel	(n)	means “good news”; the message that Jesus died for our sins to make us right with God
v13	‘in chains’	(expression)	to be in prison
v14	proclaim	(v)	to speak publicly, loudly and clearly
v15	envy	(n)	jealousy
v15	rivalry	(n)	strong competition, sometimes leading to struggle or conflict
v17	ambition	(n)	desire to do or achieve success
v18	motives	(n)	reasons for doing something
v19	deliverance	(n)	the action of being set free or rescued
v20	exalted	(v)	given a high position ; honoured
v22	fruitful	(adj)	producing helpful and good results
v26	abound	(v)	having large amounts or numbers of something
v27	conduct	(v)	acting or behaving a certain way
v27	manner	(n)	the way in which a thing is done
v27	worthy	(adj)	deserving of respect and attention
v28	striving	(v)	making great effort to achieve something
v28	oppose	(v)	to actively resist, disagree with or try strongly to stop
v29	granted	(v)	to give something (a right, power, property etc.) to someone legally
v29	on behalf of		to do something as a representative for someone

Philippians 1:12-30 (New International Reader's Version (NIRV))*Paul Spreads the Good News While in Prison*

¹² Brothers and sisters, here is what I want you to know. What has happened to me has actually helped to spread the good news. ¹³ One thing has become clear. I am being held by chains because I am a witness for Christ. All the palace guards and everyone else know it. ¹⁴ And because I am a prisoner, most of the believers have become bolder in the Lord. They now dare even more to preach the good news without fear.

¹⁵ It's true that some preach about Christ because they are jealous. But others preach about Christ to help me in my work. ¹⁶ The last group acts out of love. They know I have been put here to be a witness for the good news. ¹⁷ But the others preach about Christ only to get ahead. They preach Christ for the wrong reasons. They think they can stir up trouble for me while I am being held by chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? Here is the important thing. Whether for right or wrong reasons, Christ is being preached about. That makes me very glad.

And I will continue to be glad. ¹⁹ I know that you are praying for me. I also know that God will give me the Spirit of Jesus Christ to help me. So no matter what happens, I'm sure I will still be set free. ²⁰ I completely expect and hope that I won't be ashamed in any way. I'm sure I will be brave enough. Now as always Christ will receive glory because of what happens to me. He will receive glory whether I live or die. ²¹ For me, life finds all its meaning in Christ. Death also has its benefits. ²² Suppose I go on living in my body. Then I will be able to carry on my work. It will bear a lot of fruit. But what should I choose? I don't know! ²³ I can't decide between the two. I long to leave this world and be with Christ. That is better by far. ²⁴ But it is more important for you that I stay alive. ²⁵ I'm sure of this. So I know I will remain with you. And I will continue with all of you to help you grow in your faith. I will also continue to help you be joyful in what you have been taught. ²⁶ I'm sure I will be with you again. Then you will be able to boast in Christ Jesus even more because of me.

Living to honour the Good News

²⁷ No matter what happens, live in a way that brings honour to the good news about Christ. Then I will know that you remain strong together in the one Spirit. I will know this if I come and see you or only hear about you. I will know that you work together as one person. I will know that you work to spread the teachings about the good news. ²⁸ So don't be afraid in any way of those who oppose you. This will show them that they will be destroyed and that you will be saved. That's what God will do. ²⁹ Here is what he has given you to do for Christ. You must not only believe in him. You must also suffer for him. ³⁰ You are going through the same struggle you saw me go through. As you have heard, I am still struggling.

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