

How to Make it Through Another Year

The Problems

Philippians 1:27—30

1. Consider your citizenship

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27, NKJV).

A. It shifts your focus.

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Philippians 1:27, NKJV).

B. It soothes your fears.

“Not in any way terrified by your adversaries” Philippians 1:28, NKJV).

2. Cultivate your fellowship

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.” (Philippians 1:27–28, NKJV)

A. It constructs your unity.

“So that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27b, NKJV).

B. It confounds your adversary

“And not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.” (Philippians 1:28, NKJV)

3. Certify your stewardship.

“For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.” (Philippians 1:29–30, NKJV)

A. The explanation

“For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.” (Philippians 1:29, NKJV)

B. The example

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