

How to Make it Through Another Year

The Power

Philippians 2:12—16

1. The principle that is involved.

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12–13, NKJV)

A. It’s definite strategy.

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B. It’s divine supply.

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2. The product that is induced.

“Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.” (Philippians 2:14–16, NKJV)

A. In your conduct

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B. In your character

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3. The practice that is invoked.

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As you allow that which is on the inside to be lived on the outside, it produces the character of Christ in your life, which invokes the practice of holding firm to God’s Word. You cannot separate them. The Word of God is

A. Crucial for your life

“I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.” (Job 23:12, NKJV) Joh was saying that he could not live without God’s Word. Jesus said,

B. Central for your life