

HOW TO BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

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Philippians 1:12-30

"WHATEVER HAPPENS, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News of Christ!" Philippians 1:27 (NIV)

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS . . .

1. _____

"We know that IN ALL that happens God works for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

"I will praise the Lord no matter what happens." Psalm 34:1 (TLB)

Paul's Example:

"I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me has helped to spread the Good News." Philippians 1:12 (NLT)

ANYTIME I FACE A PROBLEM WITH FAITH . . .

• IT'S A _____

"Everyone here (Roman prison), including all the soldiers in the palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ." Philippians 1:13 (NLT)

• IT'S AN _____

"And because of my imprisonment, many believers here have gained confidence and been encouraged to speak fearlessly in telling others about Christ." Philippians 1:14 (NLT)

2. _____

CRITICS: "It's true that some others preach Christ because they are jealous of us and they like to argue." Philippians 1:15

COMPANIONS (who care): "Others preach from genuine good will. These do so out of love, and they know God's given me the work of defending the gospel." Philippians 1:16

COMPETITORS: "Others preach Christ insincerely from a spirit of selfish ambition." Philippians 1:17

CHALLENGERS: "Others just want to stir up more trouble for me and add to my pain while I am in prison." Philippians 1:17

Paul's Attitude:

"But it doesn't really matter! The IMPORTANT THING is that in every way, whether for right or wrong reasons, the message of Christ is being shared! So I AM HAPPY, and I'LL CONTINUE TO BE HAPPY!" Philippians 1:18 (NCV)

"Be fearless, no matter who opposes you. It will be a sign to them of their downfall, that God is with you, and that he will save you."

Philippians 1:28 (NIV/TLB)

"For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. We are in this fight together. You have seen me suffer for him in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of a great struggle." Philippians 1:29-30 (NLT)

"No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (TLB)

3. _____

"I will continue to rejoice, for I know that as you pray for me and as the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, all that's happened will all TURN OUT for my deliverance." Philippians 1:19 (NLT)

"It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage, now as always, Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death!" Philippians 1:20 (ESV)

"Do not let your happy trust in the Lord die away, no matter what happens. Remember your reward!" Hebrews 10:35 (TLB)

4. _____

"If by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work for Christ, then I am not sure which I should choose. I'm pulled in two directions! I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better thing; BUT for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive. I am sure of this, so I know that I will stay on with you all, so I can add to your progress and joy in the faith."

Philippians 1:22-25 (GNT)

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain!" Philippians 1:21

FOR ME TO LIVE IS _____

How YOU complete this sentence will determine your happiness

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