



Shining as Stars

How to avoid laboring for nothing.

Philippians 2:12-18

Philippians 2:12-18 – ¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. ¹⁴Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe ¹⁶as you hold out^[c] the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. ¹⁷But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

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2:12 – What does it mean to work out our own salvation?

2:13 – Why should working out our salvation be done with “*fear and trembling*”?

How does God work in us at work?

What is God’s good purpose for us at work?

Why is it necessary to both “*will and act*” according to God’s good purpose?

2:14-15 – Why shouldn’t we complain or argue?

How may we avoid complaining or arguing at work?

What is the value in becoming blameless and pure?

How is our generation crooked and depraved?

2:15-16 – How may children of God “*shine as stars in the universe*”?

How may we hold out the word of life at work?

What is the day of Christ?

How may we keep from running or laboring for nothing?

2:17-18 – How might Paul have been poured out like a drink offering?

On what occasions should Christians rejoice together?

Why should we have joy when we’re having difficulties at work?