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## JOY ALL THE TIME! (PHILIPPIANS) "Healthy Perspective" - Phil. 1:12-30

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### 1) Look at every problem from God's perspective

**Philippians 1:12** (NIV) "Now I want you to know... that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the Gospel."

#### ▣ It's a witness to unbelievers

**Philippians 1:13** (NIV) "As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ."

#### ▣ It's an encouragement to believers

**Philippians 1:14** (NIV) "And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the Gospel without fear."

### 2) Never let others control my attitude

**Philippians 1:15-16** (NIV) "It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the Gospel."

**Philippians 1:17** (NIV) "The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains."

**Philippians 1:18a** (NIV) "But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice!"

### 3) Always trust God to work things out

**Phil. 1:18b-19** (NIV) "Yes, and I will continue to rejoice..."  
"For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance."

**Philippians 1:20** (NIV) "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

**Phil. 1:21** (NIV) "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain!"

### 4) Stay focused on my purpose – not my problems

**Phil. 1:22** (NIV) "If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. What shall I choose? I do not know!"

**Phil. 1:23-24** (NIV) "I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body."

**Phil. 1:25-26** (NIV) "Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me."

**Philippians 1:27-28** (NIV) "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News of Christ!"  
"Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the Gospel, without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God."

**Philippians 1:29-30** (NIV) "For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have."

**How I fill in the blank will determine my JOY:**

"For me to live is \_\_\_\_\_"