

Eat Your Vegetables - Philippians 1:30-12

I'm not a fan of brussell sprouts or liver & onions. If I have to eat something that I don't like, I have learned to begin with that tough stuff and end with the best for last. The Apostle Paul has some encouragement to give the Philippians; but he also has some tough stuff for them as well. Rather than teaching this passage in order... We're going to eat our vegetables first! - We'll learn this passage in reverse!

Reading of Philippians 1 verses 30-12

5. Believe & Suffer – verse 29, 30

a. Plan on suffering

Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, **and the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death

Have a backbone for God! – Philippians 4:1 “Stand fast in the Lord”

4. Conversations Worth The Gospel – verse 27, 28

a. “Worth the Gospel” valuable to people needing salvation

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

b. Are your conversations WORTHLESS to the lost?

Does your life lead people to Christ?

2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

1 Corinthians 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**

3. To Die Is Gain – verse 21-26

a. Speaking for Christ may cost your life

b. Living for God is tougher! – To benefit the lost and the Believers

Ephesians 4:11, 12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

c. Live for Christ to the death

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2. 3 Meaty Nuggets – verse 19, 20

a. Pray for my release from prison

b. Supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ!!!!

c. Christ will be magnified in my body alive or dead.

For me to live is Christ and to die is gain – verse 21

1. Your Style Don't Matter – verse 12-18

a. How you talk about me is not the end of the world

b. Doctrine is important – Christ is preached

Are you a Believer? Live a life to-the-death of great worth for God.

Not a Believer? A life with God makes sense everyday and for eternity. Receive Him today!

Joshua 24:15 As for me and for my house, we will serve the Lord!