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**Shimmering Like Shiny Stars**

Philippians 2:12-28

**What Is the “Therefore” There For?**

What Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us calls us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in light of God’s gracious gift of salvation.

Philippians 2:12, 15b; Daniel 12:3; Matthew 5:14-16

**REMEMBER →** When our lives are lived as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s grace, God’s light \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brightly through us.

**Having a Healthy View of Christian Living**

1. Be careful with the pitfall of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16, 21

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Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16

**REMEMBER →** The way to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ both pitfalls is to rely on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grace of God.

Philippians 2:13 (cf. 1:6)

**How to Shimmer Like Shiny Stars**

1. Don’t be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:14; Exodus 16:12

**REMEMBER →** The more you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the good, the less \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you’ll be.

1. Be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 2:12

**REMEMBER →** Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ conduct with one another as brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we are children of God to a dark world around us.

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:16-18; Romans 14:17; Philippians 4:4

**REMEMBER →** Because Christian joy is woven to our sufferings, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brightest in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seasons.

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**REMEMBER →** When our lives are lived as a **RESPONSE** to God’s grace, God’s light **SHINES** brightly through us.

**Having a Healthy View of Christian Living**

1. Be careful with the pitfall of **LEGALISM**.

Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16, 21

1. Be careful with the pitfall of **LICENSE**.

Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 2:16

**REMEMBER →** The way to **AVOID** both pitfalls is to rely on the **ENABLING** grace of God.

Philippians 2:13 (cf. 1:6)

**How to Shimmer Like Shiny Stars**

1. Don’t be a **COMPLAINER**.

Philippians 2:14; Exodus 16:12

**REMEMBER →** The more you **SEE** the good, the less **CRITICAL** you’ll be.

1. Be an **EXAMPLE**.

Philippians 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8; 1 Peter 2:12

**REMEMBER →** Our **KIND** conduct with one another as brothers and sisters **DEMONSTRATES** that we are children of God to a dark world around us.

1. Be **JOYOUS**.

Philippians 2:16-18; Romans 14:17; Philippians 4:4

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**For Further Study**

(Readings and Questions for Life Groups or Personal Study)

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**Getting Started**

1. We’re all tempted to complain and grumble. What do you think are some common things that people tend to complain about regarding:

* Government and/or Governmental Leaders:
* The Work Place:
* The Home Life:
* The Local Church:

**Digging Deeper**

1. Read Exodus 16:1-12?

* In verse 2, who did the Israelites grumble against?
* In verse 3, what did they grumble about? Why is this shocking to us? (Hint: What did God just rescue them from?)
* How did Moses respond to the Israelites in verses 6-7? What does all of this teach you about our natural tendencies to grumble and complain?

1. God had already displayed his great grace to the Israelites in rescuing them from their bondage in Egypt. How does God further display his grace to the Israelites in Exodus 16:4? What does this teach you about God?

**Driving It Home**

1. Read John 3:16-17. How has God displayed his saving grace to you? In light of God’s great grace in rescuing us from our bondage to sin and death, does it make sense for us to grumble about the things that displease us in this life? Why or why not?
2. Read the Hymn of Christ in Philippians 2:5-11 again. How does the example of the humility of Christ help you to grumble and complain less? How does grumbling less help your Christian witness?
3. Other than looking to the example of Christ, how else can you maintain a joyful and content attitude in the face of the problems and dissatisfactions of this life?