

Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you *have always obeyed*, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, *work out your salvation with fear and trembling.*



Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:12 “So then, my *beloved*...” [Agapetoi]

Louw & Nida “One who is the only one of his class & is particularly *loved and cherished*” 58.53

Not just *Philippi*, also *Thessalonica* (1 Thes 2:8)
Corinth (1 Cor 10:14) & *Rome* (Rom 12:19)

Individuals: Tychicus (Eph 6:21) ; *Epaphras* (Col 1:7),
Luke (Col 4:4), *Timothy* (2 Tim 1:2), *Philemon*
and *Onesimus*. (Phil 1:1, 16)

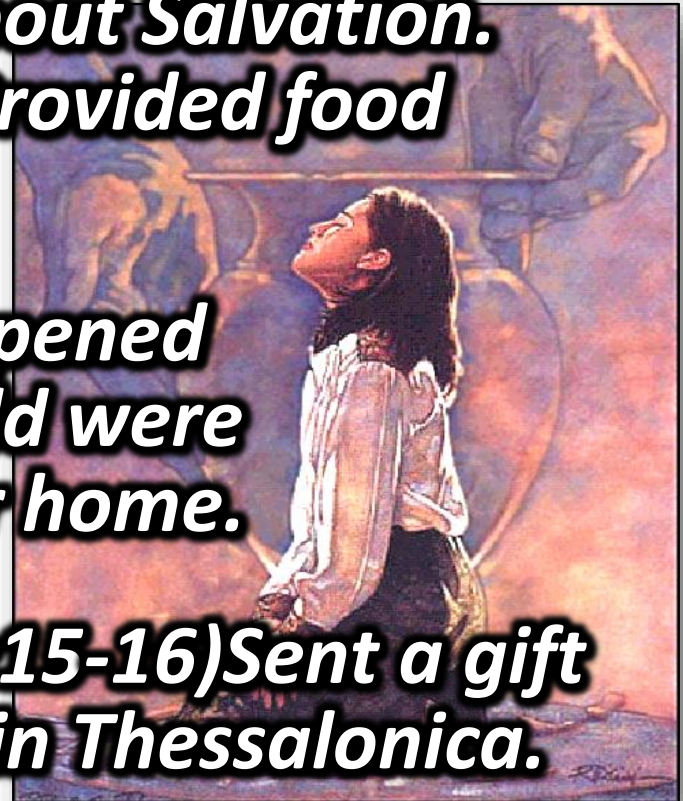
Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:12 **Just as you have always obeyed**, not as in my presence only, but **now much more** in my absence. *(Roman imprisonment)*

Jailer Acts 16: 23. **Ardent about Salvation. Immediately was baptized, Provided food and Rejoiced.**

Lydia (Acts 16: 14-15) **Lord opened her heart, she & her household were Baptized then she opened her home.**

'Baby church' Philippi (Phil 4:15-16) **Sent a gift more than once to Paul even in Thessalonica.**



Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:12 ... **work out your salvation**
with fear & trembling

HOW were they
(we) to do this ?

(Barnes) “They were to make honest effort to be saved in ***the way which God has appointed.***”

Not just any way they liked
(John 12:48; Mt 7:21-23)

But in ***diligence*** growth
(2 Pet 1:5-10; Acts 2:40)



Work Out Your Own Salvation

Where to improve?

2 Pet 1:5-11

Your *Faith*?

Right *Choices*?

Biblical *Knowledge*?

Your *Self-Control*?

Your *Perseverance*?

Your *Godliness*?

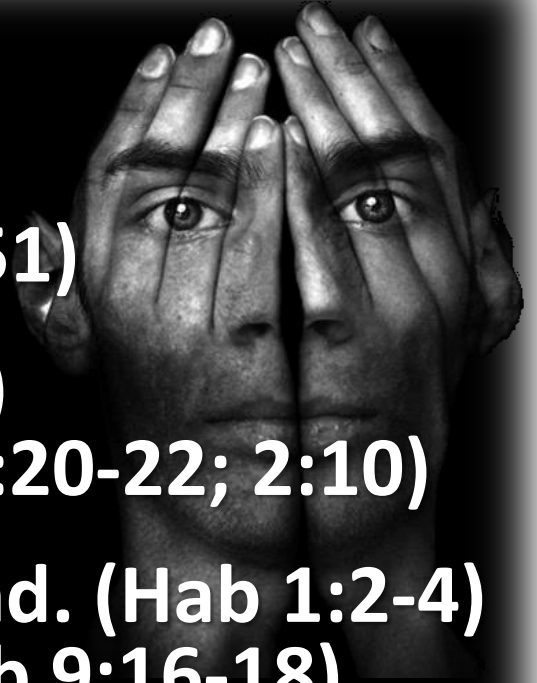
Your *Kindness*?

Christian *love*?

Work Out Your Own Salvation

Why Some Don't Pray.

1. Sin haunts our life. Some feel defeated, **alienated**. (Acts 3:19; Ps 51)
2. Some are **angry at God**. (Gen 4:7)
Tragedy, lost family member. (Job 1:20-22; 2:10)
3. We **quit believing** God will respond. (Hab 1:2-4)
Totally Discouraged. (Hab 1:5-11; Job 9:16-18)
4. Prideful, self-satisfied. **Don't need God** (Lk 8:14)
5. Some are afraid God **Will** respond. Others **Don't Care** enough. Some are totally **Overwhelmed**. We think **Small**. (1 Ths 5:17) *But don't quit praying*



Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:13 For it is **God who is at work in you**, both to will & to work for His good pleasure.



To will : God, providentially shapes man's will.

Prov 21:1 **Heart of the king** is in the hand of the Lord.

Psalms 119:36 **Incline my heart** to Your testimonies.

Ezra 7:27 Blessed be the LORD who has put such a thing **in the king's heart** [*Artaxerxes*] to adorn House of Lord.



And to work: Bearing fruit (John 15:1-5; Col 1:9-10)
Gospel meeting on Evangelism May 21-25th **Come**

Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:14 Do all things without **grumbling** or **disputing**... v15 appear as **lights** in the world.

Grumbling: Low-toned **complaint**, murmuring.
(Acts 6:1; James 5:9)



What's the impact on a **church** that does this?

Negative impact on **visitors**.

Disputing: To openly **argue** differences of opinion. *Louw & Nida*



So **rejoice** ! (v.17)

Work Out Your Own Salvation

Great Principles for use of Our Tongue. (Jas 3:8)

“No one can tame the tongue, a restless evil, full of deadly poison”



1. If tempted to say something **mean** (Prov 12:18) Sword
2. When you don't have all the **facts** (Prov 14:33) Wisdom..
3. When you are tempted to **yell** (Prov 15:1-2) Gentle ans..
4. When you want to **interrupt** (Prov 18:13) Shame & folly.
5. When you haven't **verified** facts (Prov 18:17) 1st to plead
6. If the issue is none of **your** business (Prov 26:17) Dog by..
7. If tempted to outright **lie** (Ps 141:3) Lord.. set a guard
8. If your words are **critical** rather than kind (Col 4:6) Grace
9. When should say **nothing** (Prov 21:23) Guard yer mouth

Work Out Your Own Salvation

Phil 2:15 Be blameless and harmless...
in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
among whom you appear as **lights in the world.**

Eph 5:8 You were formerly darkness...

***But now you are Light in the Lord;
walk as children of Light.***

v10 Trying to learn what is **pleasing** to the Lord.