

Being Thankful in an Angry World
Philippians 2:12-18
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Introduction

Choosing Thankfulness

Complaining is a serious sin. (14-15,17-18)

It is not...

- Complaining is not informed critique.
- Complaining is not purposeful accountability.

It is...

- Complaining is dissatisfaction with God.
- Complaining is dissatisfaction with life.

Application: how would people around you describe you?

Changing your attitude

1. You need to determine if you are willing to change. (12-13)

Key idea:

Work out salvation (12)

God who works (13)

- Question: Does God have permission to change your perspective?

2. You need to cling to words of life. (16)

3. You need to see the potential. (16)

Reflection questions for communion

- What type of person do I want to become?
- Am I willing to allow God to change me?
- Am I willing to put the work into changing?
- What is the first step for me?

Philippians 2:12-18

¹² Therefore, 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, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But 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. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.