

Bible Reading: Philippians 2:12-13

Devotional Thought:

We are not alone in this amazing work God has called us to!
What a comfort to know that God works in us to do His will;
He doesn't just leave us to do it alone.

He equips us.

He guides us.

And He enables us according to His good purpose.

God is the master architect, and He is using each of our lives
to build up His beautiful Church.

We may not see how powerfully God is using us this side of
heaven, but one day we will. Until then, we need to walk in
obedience to God's calling on our lives and trust Him with
the master plan.

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Devotional Thought:

Our words reflect our hearts. The first step in combating a complaining attitude is to control what we allow our minds to focus on. This means taking every thought captive. The world is watching to see if what we say we believe is reflected in how we live our lives.

Our purpose in the here and now is to reflect Christ to a world that is desperately searching for a Savior. As we run this amazing race of life for God's glory, we have an opportunity to show the world the difference Christ makes in us through our love, actions, choices, and speech. This world will disappoint us, try to defeat us, and discourage us to no end. But we are not made for this world, and so our source of joy is not found here either.

When we view our earthy home as what it is—temporary—we are free to hold this world loosely, knowing heaven is coming. Instead of allowing complaints and arguments to waste our time, may we choose to focus our minds on ways to be a light in this world to a generation who desperately needs Jesus.

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Bible Reading: **Philippians 2:1-18**

Questions for Reflection:

Of the many direct instructions here, which one or two stand out to you today?

How does our union with Christ make it possible to live this out?

Who might you have an opportunity to humbly and joyfully love today? Ask God to work in you, to will and to act for his good purpose.

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