

Sunday Service 7-2-17

Title: “Paul and Timothy, promoted to the rank of slave”

Philippians 1:1

The apostle Paul was practicing the very things he was writing about in *Philippians*, indicating that it’s not our circumstances, but what we bring to our circumstances, that’s important.

We can only live this way when we know that our personal needs for security and value are met in Christ.

All this made possible by

God the Holy Spirit who enables us to accomplish that which will last forever!

Spiritual skills MUST precede production skills; we must be secure in what we believe before we can serve.

Anxiety can rob your joy and far too many of our fellow Christians are so consumed by negative thoughts that they let them overwhelm them to the point of little or no effectiveness.

The distractions of circumstances, people, things and fear are all around us so we MUST let the peace of God guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

As long as you try to circumvent the system by attempting to fulfill your joy your way, you’ll remain empty even if you stop at every one of the world’s gas stations to fill up.

Jesus Christ, the Master of these slaves is totally responsible for their provision, their blessing, their term in office and their authority in the local church.

The Master is perfect, making slavery the perfect situation in which freedom from the Master’s authority is unthinkable.

Promotion by God comes from execution of the spiritual life of the Church Age.

The function of our spiritual gift occurs under the filling and power of the Spirit in relationship to works.

The believer “is humbled” through the law of sowing and reaping, in which he must take the responsibility for his own bad decisions and also through the 3 categories of divine discipline.

Biblical orientation plus grace orientation equals promotion.

The invisible hero is grace oriented, which means he has capacity for every divine blessing associated with promotion.

Humility is something you have to learn; no one is born humble, naturally humble, or even genuinely humbled by their circumstances.

God only promotes the humble and humility is truth in the stream of consciousness, which is our spiritual strength.

What is most important in any kind of works is the motivation for doing that action.

Never confuse means and result in the Christian way of life.

We must not withdraw from God's truth under stress, pressure or adversity.

Our impact with angels is far greater than our impact with people.

Promotion is not based on production, but perception.

God does not promote on the basis on good deeds and Christian service, but on the basis of the application of His truth.

The results of promotion are: great contentment; a personal sense of destiny; intimacy with Christ and tranquillity even under great pressure.