

## **Philippians 2:12-13**

### **The Pursuit of Christlikeness**

#### **1. A Commendation of Deep Engagement (v. 12a)**

- Engaged in Relationships
- Engaged in Obedience

#### **2. A Commandment to Diligent Effort (v. 12b)**

- Work out your salvation
- With fear and trembling

#### **3. A Comfort of Divine Energy (v. 13)**

- God is at work in you
- To will and work for His good pleasure

## **Application of Phil 2:12-13**

1. Paul's relationship with the Philippians is one of great love and affection. Do you know/do you show love, support, care and affection to others in the church? Do you consider them "beloved" and would they consider you "beloved?" In what practical ways can you show genuine love to fellow believers?
2. Have you surrendered your life to Christ? Do you desire to live your life in joyful obedience to Christ through obedience to God's Word, even when no-one else will know or when it's hard? Are there areas in your life to improve in such obedience (not out of legalism, but a desire to please God and obey Him)?
3. Consider who God is and what He has done in your salvation (e.g. read Rom 5:8; Eph 2:1-10; Col 1:12-14; Titus 3:3-7) to increase your "fear and trembling" toward our holy and gracious God.
4. Pray for God to increase your desire to obey Him and to help you through the struggles and temptations you face, so that you will be able to 'work out [live out] your salvation' and become more like Christ
5. Prayerfully read through John MacArthur's comments from his sermon on Eph 4:1 regarding William Wilberforce and consider how this encourages/challenges you in your pursuit of Christlikeness, "He was obsessed with his own sanctification. This was what obsessed him. This is what drove him day after day after day, was the sense that he was not the man that Christ wanted him to be"
6. What is the comfort you can receive from knowing God is at work in you as you pursue Christlikeness? Read also through Rom 8:28-29 and Phil 1:6 and respond to the Lord in thanks for this promise.
7. What is one action step you could take this week to please God in your pursuit of Christlikeness? E.g. Bible reading, prayer, financial giving, serving others, make an effort to restore a broken relationship(s), share the Gospel with an unbeliever.

Reading this week: Phil 2:5-13

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	<p><b>The P_____ of _____</b></p> <p>1. Commendation of ____ Engagement (v. 12a)</p> <p>2. _____ to Diligent _____ (v. __b)</p> <p>3. _____ of Divine _____ (v. __)</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Verses</u>		

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God	Christ/Jesus	Life	Obey/Obedience	Paul	Salvation	Work

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: