

ADVANCING THE KINGDOM IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS!

(Philippians 1:12-18)

I. Adversity Is Not Necessarily A _____ To One's Ministry (1:12-13)

A. Setting the Scene (Acts)

1. The **context** of Philippians 1, _____ in verse 12 from the city of Philippi to that of _____ and Paul's imprisonment. (1:12)
2. Paul wanted the brethren at Philippi to _____ that his present circumstances were in _____ (1:12a)... "*But Brethren, I want you to _____*"
3. Paul seeks to inform the brethren at Philippi that _____ for the Lord is often achieved through _____ circumstances (1:12b)... "*... the things that have happened to me...*"
4. Paul wanted the brethren to realize that although he was _____, the Word of God is _____ bound! (1:12c)... "*these things have actually turned out to _____ or _____ the gospel*"

B. Understanding the "WHY" of His Imprisonment (1:13)

1. His imprisonment was not for evil _____ he had done, but because of the _____ that he preached (1:13) ... "*It has become evident.... that my chains are in _____*"
2. Paul's imprisonment allowed for the _____ of the gospel of grace. (1:12)
 - What is significant about this message? (Romans 1:15-17)
 - Who here understood the "why" of his imprisonment? (1:13)

II. Divine Viewpoint Sees An Opportunity To Advance the Kingdom, Even in Difficult Times (1:14-17)

A. Paul's Optimism While in Prison Generated _____ in Many of the Brethren (1:14)

- How did this confidence manifest itself? (1:14)

B. Paul's Message Caused A Mixed Reaction In Others (1:15-17)

1. Some preached Christ with _____ motives.

- What did this indicate about them?
- How was this **reflected** by them?
 - a. Inwardly there was _____.
 - b. Outwardly there was _____.
 - c. The cause was _____.
 - d. All this was designed to add _____ to Paul's imprisonment. (1:16b)

2. Some preached Christ with _____ motives ... displayed by an attitude of _____ (1:15c)

- What motivated this "good will"? (1:17)
 - a. The _____ of Christ &
 - b. Realizing that the gospel needs _____.
- Why does the gospel need defending?
- How is this seen today?

III. Knowing The Gospel Was Being Proclaimed Clearly _____ Paul's Heart (1:18)

- How often is the gospel alluded to in chp 1?
- What is the drumbeat of the passage?
- Is this true in other portions of scripture as well?
- What does this mean to you?