

A Closer Look - 2

A Personal Bible Study in Philippians 1:1 – 2:4)

This is a Biblical investigation into the Letter to the Philippians. At the end of this study, we will have a better understanding of what Paul wanted to share with these people and how he communicated to them.

*For this study let's name the theme of the whole letter: **Live Your Faith the Right Way: Serve the Lord***

*Let's divide the letter into these sections: **Always Be Ready to Serve the Lord** **(1:1-2:4)***

Watch the Way Others Serve the Lord** **(2:5-30)

Go Out and Serve the Lord** **(3:1-4:23)

This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.

Exercise 4

Check off box when exercise is completed

Welcome back. Remember the ways to get ready to serve the Lord? Let's look at "Encourage & pray" (1:3-11).

Count how many times Paul uses the words "you" and "your" in this section. Your answer: _____.

How many times does Paul use "I", "my", "me" in this same section?
Answer: _____

How does he feel about these people?

What do you learn about Paul's Christian life?

Exercise 5

Check off box when exercise is completed

Do you think Paul was encouraging to the people in this same section (1:3-11)? I think we can agree that he was.

How did he encourage them? In your search, notice the words "confident", "abound", "excellent", "sincere", "without offense", "being filled".

What things did he want to happen in their Christian lives?

Exercise 6

Check off box when exercise is completed

Pick three of these things to apply to your own life.

What things need to happen in your life? Explain.

Hopefully, there has been something useful in this lesson that really excites you. If you want some more, see your chaplain.