

# A Closer Look - 4

## *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 10**

Check off box when exercise is completed

Notice in the next section (1:27-30) these words: "conversation", "your affairs", "stand fast", "in one spirit", "in one mind", "striving together", "not terrified". What is Paul concerned about in their lives?

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Do you think the way you behave in your daily life helps prepare you to serve the Lord? Explain how your behavior affects you personally and the people around you.

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Notice the words "suffer" (1:29) & "conflict" (1:30). Why did Paul put them in?

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We have learned so far that to "Get Ready to Serve the Lord", we must:

*Keep in touch with people (1:1-2)*

*Focus on the Growth of Others (1:19-26)*

*Pray & Encourage Others (1:3-11)*

*Have Good Daily Behavior (1:27-30)*

*Accept Hard Times that Come (1:12-18)*

**Exercise 11**

Check off box when exercise is completed

The last section (2:1-4) for "getting ready to serve the Lord" is a painful lesson because we always focus on ourselves ("me first", "my way". What does Paul have to say about this?

2:1 \_\_\_\_\_

2:2 \_\_\_\_\_

2:3 \_\_\_\_\_

2:4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 12**

Check off box when exercise is completed

This process of getting ready to serve the Lord is impossible without our Lord Jesus Christ. Go through this section and determine how involved Jesus is in our lives.

1:2 \_\_\_\_\_

1:6 \_\_\_\_\_

1:11 \_\_\_\_\_

1:13 \_\_\_\_\_

1:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Your choices

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*Hopefully, this brief study has caused you to look at your life and ask God to help you make changes. If you are interested in more studies in this series, ask your chaplain.*