

August 24, 2025  
Philippians 2:12-18  
“Blameless And Pure-Speaking The Name Of Jesus”

**Principles And Practical Application**

Therefore, **v 12**, looks back over the previous **11 verses**. The focus there was the *kenosis*, self-emptying of Christ Jesus in humility. He became a little lower than the angels for a time in order that He could die for your sins and mine, see **Hebrews 2:7-9**. Therefore be humble, obedient saints. Jesus is our example.

To work out their salvation would be to individually work out what God has called each member of the body of Christ to do and how to conduct themselves in Christian conduct. EVERYTHING, **v 14**, done without grumbling or arguing. Strife and contention does not attract the lost, peace and unity does.

In **vv 12-13**, to work out one's salvation is entirely different from work for, the latter being heresy. Each believer is responsible for his own spiritual progress. Fear and trembling is the holy fear of God that trembles at the thought of sin, see **James 4:7-12**. The only way to carry this mandate out is being furnished by God Himself. Fear & trembling is best understood as wholesomeness with serious caution.

To get where you need to be as a church, each member of the body and the body as a whole must be above reproach. Starting with the pastor. When the church is not blameless and not unified the general public can rightfully point the finger at them and say, just look at them now, why would anyone want to be a part of that? The desire to do God's will, as well as the power to obey it, originates with God.

The Day of Christ is from time of the rapture to the end of the millennial kingdom. The day of the Lord is different in that it is a time of judgment. The day of the Lord will come at the end of history and the next thing is eternity of which we know little except the saved will be with the Lord forever and the lost in torment forever.

Stop your complaining, you can affect the entire church with your negative attitude. Stop the dissension and purity will take its place.

Scary thought, my actions as a professing Christian can positively or negatively impact an entire generation **v 15**.

**Application:**

Run your Christian race well. Girl in a marathon gets in a car, is driven down the way a bit, gets out and crosses the finish line. Man in Tour De France has a bike accident; his bike goes wild running on its own on its side with a battery powered motor, whoop, whoop. Win or lose they should be ashamed. Run your race well, pleasing to God and live a life that has a holy reverent fear of God and an attitude of wanting to please Him in all you do, say, and think. Be the light, help others find their way to the foot of the cross. Please don't live your

life in a way that would actually turn people away from the Savior. Work it out, God will supply all you need to live well for Him. Remain blameless & pure. Hold firmly to the word of life-Jesus Christ and His gospel message. Hold your spiritual ground with your gaze upon Him. Live a blameless life, pure in God's sight, and speak the name of Jesus as you go.