

Exalted to Exalt

Philippians 2:9-13

Phil 2:9-11 *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* NKJV

_____ has highly exalted Jesus.

Remember that Jesus prayed that God would restore the glory He had before the world began (Jn 17:1-5).

Luke 18:9-14 *Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men — extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* NKJV

Jesus is the perfect example of one who _____ Himself and one whom God exalted.

Practical Application: Remember you are a sinner in need of God's mercy.

1 Peter 5:5-7 *Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.* NKJV

God exalts and gives _____ to the humble.

Practical Application: Recognize that you cannot handle life's problems, so cast your cares on Him.

Phil 2:12-13 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.* NKJV

The Philippians _____ regardless of Paul's presence.

Practical Application: Obey God because you know He is worthy of your complete obedience.

Phil 1:27-28 *Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.* NKJV

One way we let our _____ be worthy of the gospel of Christ is to obey Him.

Practical Application: Live to be worthy of the gospel of Christ and not the praise of men.

John 14:15-18 *If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.* NKJV

If we love Jesus, we will keep His _____.

Phil 2:12-13 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.* NKJV

We are to _____ out our own salvation.

Work out – “to work out (Latin *efficere*), i. e. to do that from which something results; of man: make every effort to obtain salvation.” (Thayer's Greek Lexicon, PC Study Bible)

2 Cor 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.* NKJV

Our light affliction works to _____ an eternal weight of glory.

2 Cor 7:10 *For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.* NKJV

Godly sorrow produces _____.

James 1:2 *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.* NKJV

The testing of our faith produces _____.

We are to do something that produces or results in our salvation. That something is _____.

We are to do this with _____ and trembling.

Phil 2:12-13 *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 **for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*** NKJV

For it is _____ who works in you both to **will** and to **do** for His good pleasure.

Practical Application: Understand that any praise you receive or goals you accomplish are because God is working in you.

Phil 1:3-7 *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.* NKJV

Paul was confident that God would complete the good work _____ began in the Philippians.

Practical Application: Understand that God is the one who began working in you and will be the one who completes it.

Phil 1:9-11 *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.* NKJV

We are to approve the things that are excellent and be filled with the fruits of righteousness which are _____ Jesus Christ.

Gal 5:22-26 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the*

flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. NKJV

Practical Application: Understand that these are not attributes that we can obtain if we work really really hard. They are produced in us if we live and walk in the _____.

John 15:1-8 *I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. NKJV*

Practical Application: Remember that Jesus provides us with the ability to bear fruit. Without Him, we can't do anything!

Eph 2:8-10 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. NKJV*

Practical Application: We are saved by grace through faith. We are not left on our own to get faith. God provides us with evidence that will produce faith in our hearts.

2 Peter 1:2-15 *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 12 For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. 13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, 14 knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. 15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. NKJV*

We are to be diligent to have a good character.

We are to be _____ to make our call and election sure.

It is so important that they know these things that Peter consistently _____ them while he was alive and was going to make sure they would be reminded after He died.

In verse 3 we find out that _____ divine power has _____ us everything we need in order to develop a godly character.

_____ of who Christ is and what He has done for us is crucial to wanting to do what God wants, and the promises He gives us help us fulfill the doing of God's will.

Col 1:9-14 *For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may*

walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. NKJV

We are to be filled with the _____ of His will in all wisdom and spiritual

_____.
We must walk worthy of the Lord, _____ pleasing Him.

We must be fruitful in _____ good work.

Practical Application:

- It is _____ glorious power that enables us to please Him.
- It is the Father who has _____ us to be partakers of the inheritance.
- He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.
- We have redemption and forgiveness through His _____.

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H2H Discussion Questions

1. In what ways are you tempted to be prideful? Can you think of a time where your pride led to your downfall?
2. In addition to the suggestions in the lesson, what are some practical ways to humble ourselves?
3. How can we stop thinking about the good works we do and start thinking about the good works God does through us?
4. What other important principles have you learned from Philippians 2:9-13?