

How To Make Life More Meaningful

Teamwork Can Change My Life (part 3)

I know what life is all about...

Philippians 1:21 WSV



❖ Decide How I Will Look at Life

12Now I want you to know, brothers, that **what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.** 13As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been **encouraged** to speak the word of God more **courageously and fearlessly.** Philippians 1:12-14 NIV

We know that **in all things God works for the good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NIV

❖ Decide What's Really Important

15It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18But what does it matter? **The important thing** is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, **Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.** Philippians 1:15-18 NIV

Most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind. Ecclesiastes 4:4 NLT

Whenever people are jealous or selfish, **they cause trouble** and do all sorts of cruel things. James 3:16 CEV

❖ Decide What Life Is All About

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 19for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. 20I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that **now as always Christ will be exalted in my body**, whether by life or by death. 21For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean **fruitful labor** for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Philippians 1:18-23 NIV

And now, dear children, **remain in fellowship with Christ** so that when he returns, you will be **full of courage** and not shrink back from him in shame. 1 John 2:28 NLT

❖ Decide To Help Others Grow

25Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you **for your progress and joy in the faith**, 26so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. Philippians 1:25-26 NIV

We announce the message about Christ, and we use all our wisdom to warn and teach everyone, **so that all of Christ's followers will grow and become mature.** That's why I work so hard and use the mighty power he gives me. Colossians 1:28-29 CEV

I will help you to grow and be joyful in your faith.

Philippians 1:25 GNB