



GOING TO GOD'S GYM

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

True
JOY

True Joy: Philippians

- 1:4 Paul prays with joy
- 1:18 Paul rejoices that Christ is proclaimed
- 1:25 Paul remains here for their joy in the faith
- 2:2 Paul asks Philippians to complete his joy
- 2:17 Paul is glad and rejoices with the Philippians
- 2:18 Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice with him
- 2:28 Paul sends Epaphroditus, so the Philippians might rejoice
- 2:29 Paul tells Philippians to receive Epaphroditus with joy
- 3:1 Paul tells Philippians to rejoice in the Lord
- 4:1 Paul tells Philippians are his joy
- 4:4 Paul tells Philippians twice to rejoice in the Lord
- 4:10 Paul rejoices in the Lord for the Philippians concern for him

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3. Philippians 2:16-18 Work out the Good
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Philippians 2:12

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—...





Philippians 2:12-13

“work out toward”



¹² ...continue to **work out** your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who **works in** you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.



“energize”

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Verses 5-11



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Hebrews 12:2

*"Fixing your eyes on Jesus, the **author and perfecter of our faith.**"*

2 Corinthians 3:18

*"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being **transformed into his image** with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."*

Ephesians 4:11-13

*"11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, **attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**"*



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¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

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¹¹ And he [God] said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “Yes, I did. And I’m truly sorry for disobeying you, my Wonderful Maker and God. I take full responsibility for my actions. I will learn how to be more self-controlled, so I don’t hurt you or Eve like this again.”



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¹¹ And he [God] said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

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17 But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, **I am glad and rejoice** with all of you. 18 **So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.**



“People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.”

Nate Saint





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