

Philippians: Living A Life of Joy Series #3

*How to Keep From Wasting
Your Life?*

Philippians 1:20-30

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Treasuring Christ... Loving People...

Keep From Wasting Your Life

Philippians 1

1:1-11

**A defining quality of being a Christ-follower is joy.*

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Philippians 1

1:12-19

**The determining factor to experience joy is...
wearing Jesus glasses-having a singular passion.*

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Philippians 1

1:20-26

**The only JOY-producing passion is to...
honor Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 2:2; Gal. 6:14)*

DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE by John Piper

Keep From Wasting Your Life

The possibility of wasting your life is real

1. Religious Unsaved People...

Eternal Ruin, Misery, Separation from God

Matt. 7:21-23

“...depart from Me...”

The possibility of wasting your life is real

2. Genuine Christ Followers...

Heart-wrenching sense of loss, Regret

1 Cor. 3:12-15

“...he will suffer loss...”

To Keep From Wasting Your Life...

1. Live to Magnify Jesus Christ

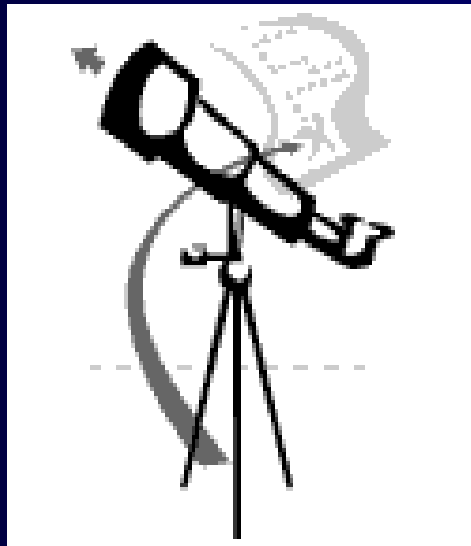
1:20-26

*If Jesus is not made much of in your life,
your life is wasted!*

Three ways to think about 'magnifying Christ'

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A. Magnify Jesus Christ by living as a telescope not a microscope. (20)



B. Magnify Jesus Christ by choosing to treasure Jesus more than...

1:21 1. _____

1:22-23 2. _____

1:24-25 3. _____

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C. Magnify Jesus Christ by joyfully & sacrificially helping people treasure Christ.

1:25 ...I live for your joy in the faith (Jesus)

1:26 ...I want you to glory in Christ Jesus

**How you handle LOSS and GAIN reveals what &/or who you treasure. (4:11-13)*

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To Keep From Wasting Your Life...

2. Live Worthily of the Gospel

1:27a

If Jesus is not made desirable to others by how you live, your life is wasted!



Example: Paul & Silas in prison Acts 16:23-26

To Keep From Wasting Your Life...

3. Live as a team to lead people to Jesus *1:27b-30*

If you are not striving together with other Christ followers as a team to lead others to Christ, your life is wasted!

Paul answers three questions...

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1. What? Strive side by side

Lou Holtz...

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2. *How?*

- 1. Standing firm in one Spirit**
- 2. With one mind**
- 3. Not frightened in anything...**

Colossians 1:27b-29

3. Why? It has been granted to you...
for the sake of Christ...
...believe in Him
...suffer for His sake
engaged in the same conflict...

What ship are you on?

To Keep From Wasting Your Life...

Hebrews 13:12-16

1. Prize *Jesus!* *12: 'Jesus suffered...'*
2. Praise *Jesus!* *15: 'through Him then...'*
3. Proclaim *Jesus!* *15: 'acknowledge His...'*
4. Present *Jesus* *16: 'do good & share...'*

To Keep From Wasting Your Life...

1. Live to Magnify Jesus *Gal. 6:14, 1 Cor. 2:2*

**What do you boast in?*

2. Live Worthily of Gospel *Lk. 12:20-21;32-34*

**How is the manner of your life?*

3. Strive for Faith in Others *Col. 1:27b-29*

**Community: National Day of Prayer, Care-fest*

**Church: VBS, NYC/Canadian Teams, Local outreach*

Living A Life of Joy

Philippians

- 1:1-11** *How to Experience Joy in All Things?*
- 1:12-26** *How to Deeply Experience Jesus Christ?*
- 1:27-30** *How to Keep from Wasting Your Life?*
- 2:1-11** *How to Be Like Jesus Christ?*
- 2:12-18** *How to Be Lights in the World?*
- 2:19-30** *How to Live a Godly Life?*
- 3:1-11** *How to Maintain Your Joy?*
- 3:12-21** *How to Succeed in Life?*
- 4:1-7** *How to Manage Stress?*
- 4:8-13** *How to Maximize Your Joy?*
- 4:14-23** *How to Multiply Your Joy?*