

Bon Appétit Course 4: Take-Away - Apply - Philippians 2:12-16 David Bawks - Pathway Community Church (Feb 28, 2021)

Philippians 2:12-16

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

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. NIV

Fourth course: Take-Away has three questions:

4.1 Situation – similar or different

Gordon Zerbe writes that Paul is pushing the assembly in Philippi “to retain the Messianic citizenship virtues of lowliness, neighborliness, and unity in contrast to Roman consumerist, status-pursuing, and self-promoting glory, along with its general immorality”

(<https://directionjournal.org/38/2/citizenship-and-politics-according-to.html>).

4.2 Warning, example, command or promise?

Warning – against grumbling and complaining,

Example – Paul, his commitment to raising up disciples in the churches he started

Command – Two - We must work out our salvation, and we must do everything without grumbling or complaining. Those are two direct commands.

Promise – not a direct promise, but a principle that if we obey the commands, the result will be us being blameless and pure, lights in a dark place

4.3 How can this passage help us to grow in faith and disciple others?

1) Pursue God with everything

2) Live your life in community

Join a life group by emailing david@pathwayfremont.org (new group exploring Colossians starting on Wed March 3)

3) Commit to living a no-grumbling life

Review of Course 4:

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Prayer Next Sat March 6 @ 9 am

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