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*Phil. 2:14 ...so that **you** may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe...*

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**Attitude adjusters:**

Take responsibility for Your Part. *Prov. 28:13*

Stop blame-shifting. *Prov. 19:3*

Give thanks to God. *1 Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:11*

See a bigger Picture. *2 Cor. 4:17-18*

Verbalize the positive. *Eph. 4:29*

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**2. ... G \_\_\_\_\_ serving.**

*Phil. 2:17 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.***

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*Phil. 2:18 So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.*

*Psalms 31:7 I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.*

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## Finding Joy in Discouraging Times

Philippians: Finding Joy in Hard Times

*Phil. 2:12-18; October 21, 2018*

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Fail—>Discouragement—>Humbled—>Broken—>Beloved—>Joy

### Growth takes...

**1. d \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence...*

*Phil. 2:12-13 ...continue to work out your salvation with **fear and trembling** for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

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*2 Peter 1:5-7 For this reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.*

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Four important tools to use in your growth tool box.

◆ Bible.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

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◆ Prayer.

*Phil. 4:6-7*

◆ Fellowship.

*Hebrews 10:24-25; Prov. 13:20*

◆ Serving.

*Galatians 5:13*

■ **2. Growth takes d\_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Growth is most seen in ...**

■ **1. ...A\_\_\_\_\_ and r\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Phil. 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing ...*

“Complaining” – “goggusmos”

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**4 Kinds of Complaining:**

**The Whiner.** “It’s not fair.”

*Matthew 20:11-12 They took their money and started grumbling against the employer.... “We put up with a whole day’s work in the hot sun—yet you paid them the same as you paid us.”*

**The Martyr.** “No one appreciates me.”

*Numbers 11:11-15 Moses said to the Lord, “Why pick on me, to give me the burden of a people like this? I can’t carry this nation by myself! If you’re going to treat me like this, please kill me right now – it will be a kindness! Let me out of this impossible situation!”*

**The Cynic.** “What’s the use? Nothing ever changes.”

*Ecclesiastes 1:2-9 “Life is useless ... you spend your life working and what do you have to show for it? ...the world stays just the same... what has been done before will be done again.”*

**The Perfectionist.** “Is that the best you can do?”

*Proverbs 21:15, 19 A nagging wife is like water going drip, drip, drip on a rainy day.... Better to live out in the desert than with a nagging, complaining wife.*

*Phil. 2:14 Do everything without complaining or arguing ...*

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