

Riverwood Bible Church:

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***“Five Eternal Perspectives
On Earthly Living”***

Session II

Review:

A. A Penetrating Question à “What is happening in my life?”

(Do I really know?)

B. The First of Five Eternal Perspectives:

à God has begun a “**good work**” in my life which He is
“**perfecting**”, Phil. 1:6.

*“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a
good work in you*

will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

a. That Good Work is to “_____” every
Believer in Jesus Christ,

bringing a “new standing” before God which is
unchangeable and secure!

--My “Justification” à I have been “declared righteous”
by God through Christ.

b. That Good Work is “perfected” in the Believer’s
_____ by the
process of “conformity” to Christ, preparing every
Believer for eternity!

--My “Sanctification” à Christ’s holiness is being
worked out in my life!

c. Failure to walk in “_____” as a Believer
hinders God’s perfecting

“conformity” to Christ and brings the Father’s loving
“discipline”/“child-training”:

--Loss of time, joy, and opportunity à “prodigal delay”
or “leanness of soul”.

(Restoration to “fellowship” with Christ is open to the

Believer at any time!)

The Second Eternal Perspective

*“For it is God who is at work in you,
both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”*

Philippians 2:13

**I. God is at “work” to produce a “_____” for His will in our lives,
Phil. 2:13.**

“For it is God who is at work in you . . . to will . . . His good pleasure.”

--**Note:** God never _____ anything upon a person
against their _____!

--**Observation:** God is _____ only when we respond to
Him from the _____!

--**Helpful Expanded Translation of Phil. 2:13:** Kenneth Wuest

*“For God is the One who is constantly putting forth His energy in you, both
in the form of your being desirous of and of your doing His
good pleasure.”*

A. God’s Positive “Work” à “_____” to Please Him!

**1. In All Believers: New “Life” à A New “Nature” à New
“DESIRES”!**

a. **II Corinthians 5:17-18**

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away;
behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled
us to Himself through Christ . . .”*

b. **II Corinthians 5:14-15**

*“For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all,
therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for
themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.”*

c. **Ephesians 3:16-19**

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father . . . that He would grant you,
according to the riches of His grace, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit
in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and
that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all
the saints (holy ones) what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and
to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up
to all the fullness of God.”*

**2. In Paul’s Life: New “Life” à A New “Nature” à New
“DESIRES”!**

a. **Philippians 1:20**

“According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in

anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

b. Philippians 1:29-30

"For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me."

c. II Corinthians 5:9-10

"Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgement seat ('bema') of Christ, so that each one maybe recompensed for the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

B. The Enemy of "Desire" for the Will of God à The "Desire" of the "_____"!

1. Galatians 5:16-17

"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."

2. Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

3. Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith."

4. James 4:4

"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world (system) is hostility against God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."

5. I John 2:15-17

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

II. God is at "work" to produce faithful "_____" in our lives, Phil. 2:13.

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Philippians 2:13

A. God's Positive "Work" à "_____ " to His perfect will!

1. In All Believers à New "Life" à A New "Nature" à New "PURPOSE"!

a. Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

b. John 15:1-2, 8

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit . . . My Father is glorified by this, that your bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."

2. The Provision of God: New "Life" à A New "Nature" à New "POWER"!

a. Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

b. John 15:16

"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed (commissioned) you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

c. John 21:3-6

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will also come with you.' They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. So Jesus said to them, 'Children, you do not have any fish, do you?' They answered Him, 'No.' And He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.' So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish."

d. Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

B. The "_____ " of Failure in "Obedience" to Christ à The "_____ " of the Flesh!

1. John 15:4-5 à No "_____ "!

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of (from) itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

2. I Corinthians 15:58 à No “_____”!

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”

3. II Corinthians 4:1, 5, 16-17 à “Spiritual”!

“Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart . . . For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus’ sake.”
“Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

4. II Timothy 2:3-4 à Worldly “_____”!

(“other things”)

“Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.”

Helpful Observations
On Earthly “Will” and “Obedience”

1. God is at “work” to produce a “DESIRE” for His will in our lives,
Phil. 2:13.

à This “desire” is part of our New Nature, the Life of Christ in us!

à This “desire” grows as we grow spiritually by feeding on the Word of God!

à This “desire” grows into maturity as the Holy Spirit sovereignly deals with us

in the events of life – to “release” us from the “love of the world”!

2. God is at “work” to produce faithful “OBEDIENCE” in our lives,
Phil. 2:13.

à Faithful “obedience” is the release of the power of God, the Holy Spirit!

à Faithful “obedience” is the natural by-product of “walking”

by the Spirit!”

à Faithful “obedience” brings the highest level of meaning
and purpose into
human experience – the **thrill** of “losing” our life in the
will of God!

*“Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will
give you*

*the **desires** of your heart.” Psalm 37:4*