



A PASSION FOR CHRIST
From the Book of Philippians



Great joy and thankfulness...



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- ✦ For their partnership


*"Because of your partnership
in the gospel
from the first day until now"*
Philippians 1:5 (NIV)



Great joy and thankfulness...

- ✦ For their partnership
- ✦ For their potential

*"being confident of this,
that He who began a good work
in you will carry it on
to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus."*
Philippians 1:6 (NIV)




Great joy and thankfulness...

- ✦ For their partnership
- ✦ For their potential
- ✦ With passion

*"God can testify how I long
for all of you with the affection
of Christ Jesus."*
Philippians 1:8 (NIV)



Prayer for a Growing Passion
for Christ
(Phil.1:9-11)



A Fuller Experience of God's Love

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight
Philippians 1:9 (NIV)

A Finer Evaluation of God's Will

Philippians 1:10 (NIV)
So that you may be able to discern what is best ...

A More Faithful Expression of God's Purpose

Philippians 1:10 (NIV)
So that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

A More Fruitful Exaltation of God's Glory


Philippians 1:11 (NIV)
Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ —to the glory and praise of God.

A Passion for Christ in my Circumstances
(Phil.1:12-23)

A Passion for Christ ...


A Passion for Christ ...

- ✦ Gives me a new perspective on my circumstances




Philippians 1:12 (NIV)

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.




Philippians 1:13 (NIV)

As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.




Philippians 1:14 (NIV)

Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.




A Passion for Christ ...

- ✦ Gives me a new perspective on my circumstances
- ✦ Gives me provision in my circumstances




Philippians 1:19 (NIV)

for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.




Philippians 1:20a (NIV)

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed...




A Passion for Christ ...

- ✦ Gives me a new perspective on my circumstances
- ✦ Gives me provision in my circumstances
- ✦ Gives me purpose in my circumstances




Philippians 1:20 (NIV)

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.




Philippians 1:21 (NIV)

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.




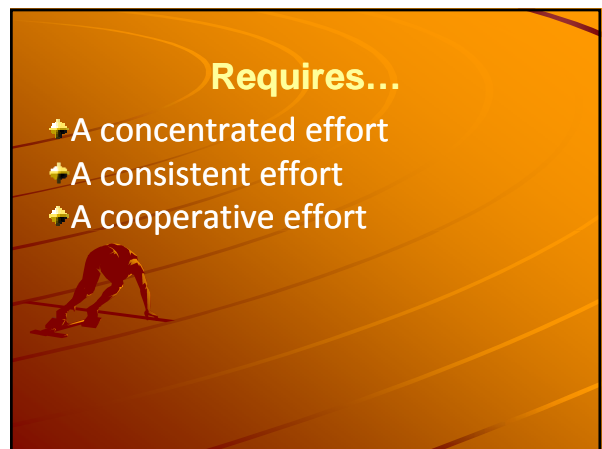
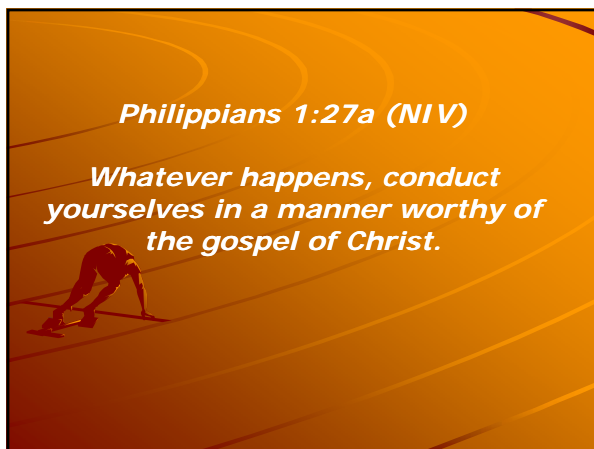
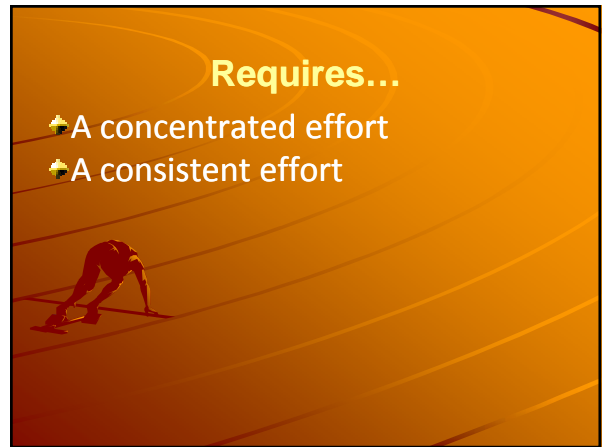
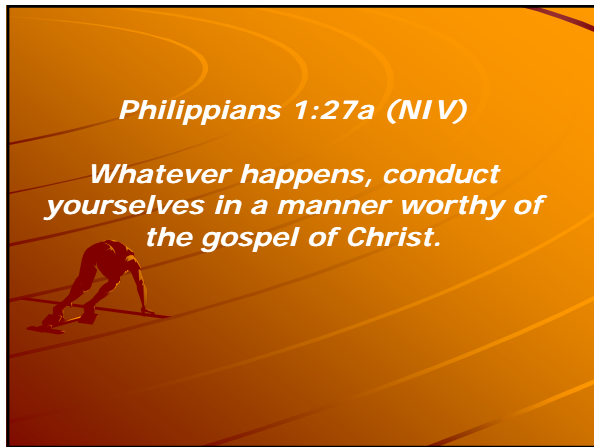
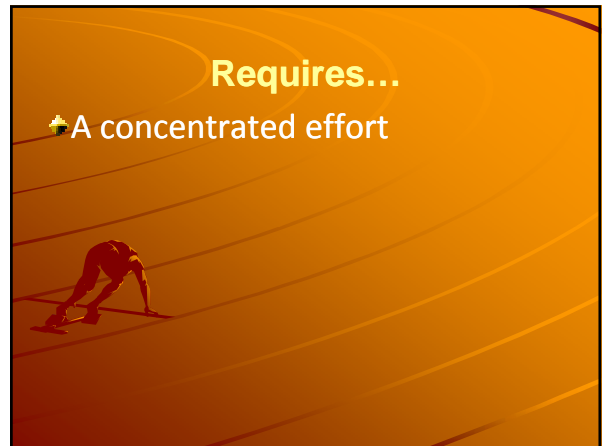
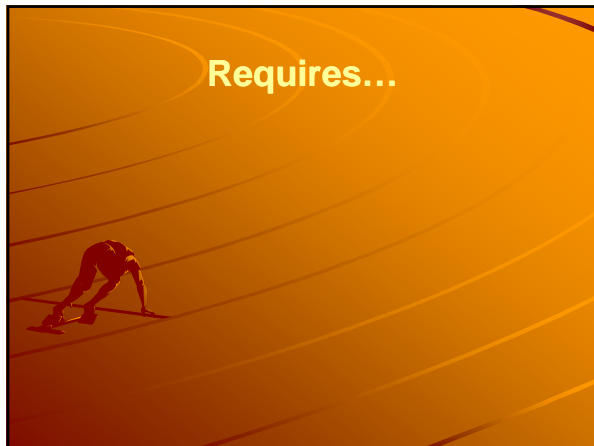
**A Passion for Christ
in my Lifestyle
(Phil.1:27-30)**



Philippians 1:27a (NIV)


Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.






Philippians 1:27b (NIV)

Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel...




Requires...

- A concentrated effort
- A consistent effort
- A cooperative effort
- A courageous effort




Philippians 1:28 (NIV)

without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.




**A Passion for Christ in my Relationships
(Phil.2:1-11)**




Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:



A Passion for Christ...



A Passion for Christ...

- ✦ Puts harmony in your relationships




Philippians 2:1 (NIV)

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,



Philippians 2:2 (NIV)

then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.




A Passion for Christ...

- ✦ Puts harmony in your relationships
- ✦ Puts humility in your relationships




Philippians 2:3 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.



Philippians 2:5-6 (NIV)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped...



Philippians 2:7 (NIV)

but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



Philippians 2:8 (NIV)

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!



Philippians 2:9-10 (NIV)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,



Philippians 2:11 (NIV)

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



A Passion for Christ in my
Witness
(Phil.2:12-16)




Philippians 2:12 (NIV)

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...




Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.




Our Witness...




Our Witness...

✦ Shine the Light



Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 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...



Our Witness...


✦ Shine the Light

✦ Share the Word



Philippians 2:16 (NIV)

as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.



A Passion for Christ in my
Service
(Phil.2:19-30)



Philippians 2:19 (NIV)

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.



Philippians 2:20 (NIV)

I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.



Philippians 2:21 (NIV)

For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.



Philippians 2:22 (NIV)

But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.



Philippians 2:23-24 (NIV)

I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. 24 And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.



Philippians 2:25 (NIV)

But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

Philippians 2:26 (NIV)

For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

Philippians 2:27-28a (NIV)

Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. 28 Therefore I am all the more eager to send him...

Philippians 2:29 (NIV)

Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him,


Philippians 2:30 (NIV)

because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

Everyone needs ...


Everyone needs ...

- ✦ A mentor



Everyone needs ...

- ✦ A mentor
- ✦ A disciple



Everyone needs ...

- ✦ A mentor
- ✦ A disciple
- ✦ A minister




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- ✦ A minister
- ✦ An intercessor




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- ✦ An intercessor
- ✦ A partner



**A Passion for Knowing Christ
(Phil.3:3-11)**



Philippians 3:4 (NIV)

though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Philippians 3:5 (NIV)

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

Philippians 3:6 (NIV)

as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

Philippians 3:7 (NIV)

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.


Philippians 3:8 (NIV)

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

I Want to Know Christ...


I Want to Know Christ...

- ✦ Personally




Philippians 3:10 (NIV)

I want to know Christ...




I Want to Know Christ...

- ✦ Personally
- ✦ Powerfully




Philippians 3:10 (NIV)

I want to know ... the power of his resurrection ...




I Want to Know Christ...

- ✦ Personally
- ✦ Powerfully
- ✦ Passionately




Philippians 3:10 (NIV)

I want to know ... the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,



A Passion for Christ in my
Priorities (Phil.2:12-14)




How to Keep Going Forward




How to Keep Going Forward

- Have an honest evaluation




Philippians 3:12-13 (NIV)

*12 Not that I have already
obtained all this, or have already
been made perfect ... 13 Brothers,
I do not consider myself yet to
have taken hold of it.*




How to Keep Going Forward

- Have an honest evaluation
- Have a humble determination



Philippians 3:13 (NIV)

*Brothers, I do not consider myself
yet to have taken hold of it. But
one thing I do: Forgetting what is
behind ...*



How to Keep Going Forward

- ✦ Have an honest evaluation
- ✦ Have a humble determination
- ✦ Have a holy aspiration



Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 ... straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal...



How to Keep Going Forward

- ✦ Have an honest evaluation
- ✦ Have a humble determination
- ✦ Have a holy aspiration
- ✦ Have a hopeful expectation



Philippians 3:14 (NIV)

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,




Philippians 3:21 (NIV)


who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.



A Passion for Christ in my
Attitude (Phil.4:4-9)




Stress-busters



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- Fill every day with rejoicing




Philippians 4:4 (NIV)

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will
say it again: Rejoice!*




Stress-busters

- Fill every day with rejoicing
- Face others with gentleness




Philippians 4:5 (NIV)

*Let your gentleness be evident to
all. The Lord is near.*




Stress-busters

- ✦ Fill every day with rejoicing
- ✦ Face others with gentleness
- ✦ Fight your battles with prayer




Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.




Stress-busters

- ✦ Fill every day with rejoicing
- ✦ Face others with gentleness
- ✦ Fight your battles with prayer
- ✦ Focus your mind on the virtuous




Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.




Stress-busters

- ✦ Fill every day with rejoicing
- ✦ Face others with gentleness
- ✦ Fight your battles with prayer
- ✦ Focus your mind on the virtuous
- ✦ Follow examples of godliness




Philippians 4:9 (NIV)

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.




Philippians 4:7 (NIV)


And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



A Passion for Christ in my Needs
(Phil.4:10-20)




People with a Passion for Christ




People with a Passion for Christ

- Content with what they have




Philippians 4:10 (NIV)

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it.



Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.



Philippians 4:12 (NIV)

*I know what it is to be in need,
and I know what it is to have
plenty. I have learned the secret
of being content in any and every
situation, whether well fed or
hungry, whether living in plenty or
in want.*

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

*I can do everything through him
who gives me strength.*

People with a Passion for Christ

- ✦ Content with what they have
- ✦ Generous with what they have

Philippians 4:14 (NIV)

*Yet it was good of you
to share in my troubles.*

Philippians 4:15 (NIV)

*Moreover, as you Philippians
know, in the early days of your
acquaintance with the gospel,
when I set out from Macedonia,
not one church shared with me in
the matter of giving and receiving,
except you only;*

Philippians 4:16 (NIV)

*for even when I was in
Thessalonica, you sent me aid
again and again when I was in
need.*

Philippians 4:17 (NIV)

*Not that I am looking for a gift,
but I am looking for what may be
credited to your account.*



Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

*And my God will meet all your
needs according to his glorious
riches in Christ Jesus.*



A Passion for Christ

