

THE FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR JOYFUL LIVING
Philippians 1:12-26

I NEED A PERSPECTIVE TO LIVE FROM (vs. 12-14)

"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel." (vs. 12)

"And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him ... "
Romans 8:28

LESSON: God can work in and through every one of my problems

I NEED A PRIORITY TO LIVE BY (VS. 15-18)

"But what does it matter? THE IMPORTANT THING is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice." (vs. 18)

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Proverbs 3:6

LESSON: Focus on what really counts

I NEED A POWER TO LIVE ON (vs. 19-20)

"... I will continue to rejoice, 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. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed ..." (vs. 19-20)

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." Philippians 4:13

LESSON: With God's power nothing can devastate me

I NEED A PURPOSE TO LIVE FOR (vs. 20-26)

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (vs. 21)

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

**LESSON: Jesus first
Others second
Yourself third**