

A GOOD EXAMPLE IS INSPIRING YET IT CANNOT ENABLE US TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME ACHIEVEMENTS IT REQUIRES MORE THAN EXAMPLE ON THE OUTSIDE IT REQUIRES POWER ON THE INSIDE

PAUL HAS JUST PRESENTED JESUS AS OUR GREAT EXAMPLE IN THE EXERCISE OF THE SUBMISSIVE MIND WE CAN READ IT AND AGREE WITH IT BUT HOW DO WE PRACTICE IT

PAUL SETS BEFORE US THE DIVINE PATTERN FOR THE SUBMISSIVE MIND AND THE DIVINE POWER TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT GOD HAS COMMANDED

V 13 IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU IT IS NOT BY IMITATION BUT BY INCARNATION GAL 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

V12 THERE IS A PURPOSE TO ACHIEVE WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION AND VERSE 15 SAYS TO DO IT IN THE MIDST OF A CROOKED AND PERVERSE GENERATION WORKING OUT WHAT IS ALREADY ON THE INSIDE WE HAVE NOT BEEN LEFT TO OUR SELVES WE HAVE BEEN EMPOWERED CHRIST IS IN US

REVERENCING GOD PROVING OURSELVES TO BE BLAMELESS AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD WALKING IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD LIVING OUT THE TRUTH IN US

V13-15 THERE IS A POWER TO RECEIVE GOD MUST WORK IN US BEFORE HE CAN WORK THROUGH US GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE WORKMAN THAN HE IS THE WORK DO YOU OBEY GOD BECAUSE OF OUTWARD PRESSURE OR INWARD POWER THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT WHO EMPOWERED JESUS EMPOWERS US AS WELL GOD'S LOVE IS IN US JOHN 14:16-17

HAVE THE EYES OF YOUR HEART BEEN ENLIGHTENED EPH 1:18-23 THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TOWARD US WHO BELIEVE WE ARE HIS BODY ON EARTH TODAY THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL AND IS IN ALL

WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US PHILIP 4:13 GOD USES HIS WORD PRAYER AND SUFFERING TO REVEAL AND RELEASE HIS POWER IN US AND THROUGH US YOU MUST BELIEVE OR OBEY HIS WORD TO EXPERIENCE HIS POWER AND HIS PEACE TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU PRAY AND OBEY EPH 3:20 NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY BEYOND ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN US SUFFERING FOR DOING WHAT IS RIGHT 1PETER 4:12-19 OUR TRIALS REVEAL CHRIST LOVE IN US AND THROUGH US

V16-18 THERE IS A PROMISE TO BELIEVE JOY COMES FROM SUBMISSION THE GREATEST BATTLE EVER WON WAS FOR THE SOULS OF MEN AND IT WAS NOT WON WITH THE WEAPONS OF MEN BUT WITH A SUBMISSIVE HEART IT WAS WON IN SURRENDER

WE HOLD FAST THE WORD OF LIFE THE GOSPEL THE DEATH BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN THE SALVATION OF SOULS PAUL KNEW HIS TOIL WOULD NOT BE IN VAIN HIS LIFE WAS ONE OF SACRIFICE AND SERVICE LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE GOSPEL

PAUL FINDS JOY IN SURRENDER HE REJOICES IN HIS SUFFERING FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND ENCOURAGES THE PHILIPPIANS TO SHARE IN HIS JOY

LUKE 15:7 I TELL YOU IN THE SAME WAY THERE WILL BE MORE JOY IN HEAVEN OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS THAN OVER NINETY NINE WHO NEED NO REPENTANCE

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE IN TERMS OF SUFFERING FOR CHRIST AND HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE IN TERMS OF SACRIFICE FOR THE SALVATION OF OTHERS