**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1. 06 Mar. ............... Phil 1:1-11 .................. Link Up with Others
2. 13 Mar. ............... Phil 1:12-26 ............... Lift Up the Gospel
3. 20 Mar. ............... Phil 1:27-2:11 ............... Live Up to the Gospel
4. 27 Mar. ............... Phil 2:12-30 ................ Light Up the World
5. 03 Apr. ............... Phil 3:1-21 .................. Look Up to Heaven
6. 10 Apr. ............... Phil 4:1-23 .................. Never Let Up
7. 17 Apr. ............... Col 1:1-20 .................. Knowing the Truth
9. 01 May ............... Col 1:21-27 ............... Expressing the Truth
10. 08 May ............... Col 3:1-17 ................ Be Focused
11. 15 May ............... Col 3:18-4:18 ............... Be Faithful
12. 22 May ............... Philemon 1-25 ............... Be Forgiving
13. 29 May ............... Philemon 1-25 ............... Be Forgiving

**INTRODUCTION**

- This chapter 4 is filled with classic passages, each requiring its own in depth study

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<td>v1. Euodia &amp; Syntyche were at odds for some unknown reason, but it was significant enough to warrant Paul’s attention while in prison. Paul asked someone (Suzugos, Greek for ‘yoke-fellow’) at the church to step in and help them. BUT meddling with strife that doesn’t belong to you is like grabbing a dog by its ears...Prov 26:17 - It can be a losing situation for a good Samaritan. BUT we are called to peace, and church unity is a MUST, so a “wise” individual (such as an Elder) may need to step in and officiate...1Cor 6:1-7</td>
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<td>People Are Attracted to Christ By Our Actions</td>
<td>v5. Paul also says let your reasonableness (ESV), moderation (KJV), gentleness (NIV &amp; NASB), graciousness (HCSB) be known to ALL MEN! This is akin to letting your light shine in such a way that everyone sees your good works and then they glorify God...............Mat 5:16 BUT, do not do this for show, else you have no reward (How do we balance this?).......Mat 6:1</td>
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<td>Mission Giving Reaps Dividends</td>
<td>vv10, 14, 15, 16, 18. The Philippians met Paul’s financial needs when they became known. - We should follow this example for needy saints vv11-13. Paul learned to be content whether he had plenty of money &amp; food or none. Can we? - And Christ enabled and strengthened Paul to accomplish and endure all things. What about us? Didn’t God promise to meet all needs if we seek His kingdom first? So why did Paul suffer needs? God also promised persecutions and we are told to rejoice and be glad cause our reward would be great in Heaven..............Mat 5:11,12 v17. The Philippians are probably still reaping fruit to their Heavenly account. Likewise our fruit will follow us into eternity long after we die v19. As we supply the needs of other worthy saints, we reap what we sow</td>
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| The Christian Life is a Disciplined Life | v8. We often have to begin our Christian walk by recalibrating our mind – Think happy thoughts v9. Paul again stresses the need to obey & follow him (as he follows Christ)...Phil 3:17; 1Cor 11:1 - The result: The God of peace will be with us |
| Final Salutation. Note in v22 there were saints in the “White House,” i.e., Caesar’s household - One of the big benefits of Paul’s imprisonment |

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:**

- Let us be like the Philippians to peacefully resolve our squabbles, let our godly light shine to all, pray for everything, avoid anxiety, think happy thoughts, and be generous

**NEXT WEEK: Colossians 1:1-20.** We learn that Jesus Christ not only created all things, but He sustains all things, and He wants us to be fruitful in every good work

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