

Know and Do—Understanding the Church (Series Outline from Capitol Hill Baptist Church)

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Understanding the Church, Week 7: "Handling Dissatisfaction" (know portion)

"Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me." — **Philippians 2:14–18**

I. Guiding principle #1 for handling dissatisfaction—_____ (vv. 14–15).

A. *Do all things without grumbling or disputing.*

B. Why should I care?

- i. **Because of _____** — ¹⁵ *that you may be blameless and innocent,*
- ii. **Because of _____** — *children of God*
- iii. **Because of _____** — *without blemish*
- iv. **Because of _____** — *in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,*
- v. **Because of _____** — *among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

II. Guiding principle #2 for handling dissatisfaction—remember _____ is the end goal (v. 16).

- A. ¹⁶ *holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in*

III. Guiding principle #3 for handling dissatisfaction—count dissatisfaction as _____

_____ **(vv. 17–18).**

- A. ¹⁷ *Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.* ¹⁸ *Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.*

Understanding the Church, Week 7: “Handling Dissatisfaction” (do portion)

1. Paul told the church in Philippi to do all things without grumbling (complaining). What made Paul particularly well-suited to issue this command?
2. Why is it so important that a Christian not be characterized as a complainer? What’s at stake?
3. What’s the best way to encourage a fellow Christian who likes to complain? How do you need encouragement when you are tempted to complain?
4. Paul often references the “Day of the Lord” in his letters. What day is he talking about, and why is it so important to remember when dealing with dissatisfaction?
5. What does it look practically to be encouraged by the coming Day of the Lord?
6. Why should Christians expect to be dissatisfied to some extent in this world?
7. What should a Christian do when he/she struggles with dissatisfaction?
8. What are some things you need to do now to fight off dissatisfaction?