

FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR A JOYFUL LIFE – PART THREE

Reference: **Philippians 1:12-26**

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There are four essential reasons that Paul was able to rejoice in spite of his imprisonment at Rome.

Essential One... Paul had a divine perspective on his circumstances.
verses twelve through fourteen

Essential Two... Paul focused on what really matters, and what really mattered was the gospel of Jesus Christ.
verses fifteen through eighteen

Essential Three... Paul related to his circumstances from a position of significant spiritual _____.
verse nineteen (see screen)

Paul got his strength from two sources:

One is that Paul was able to cope because of _____ from his Christian friends at Philippi.

verse nineteen (see screen)

References: **Romans 15:30; I Thessalonians 5:25** (see screen)

Two is that Paul had _____ from the Holy Spirit.

verse nineteen (see screen)

Reference: **John 16:12-14** (see screen)

Essential Four... Paul's life _____ enabled him to survive his circumstances.

verses twenty through twenty four (see screen)

“For to me, to live is _____”

The average person's answer (if honest) is probably going to fall into one of five categories:

- for to me, to live is _____
- for to me, to live is _____
- for to me, to live is _____
- for to me, to live is _____
- for to me, to live is _____

verse twenty-two (see screen)

Paul had a dilemma and that dilemma is mentioned in **verses twenty-three** and **twenty-four**.

Option One would be for him to _____ and go to heaven, where he could see Jesus.

verse twenty-three (see screen)

Question: what specific biblical texts teach that after death Christians go immediately to heaven and see Jesus? One example is:

Reference: **II Corinthians 5:6, 8** (see screen)

Option Two would be for him to _____, where he would be able to minister on behalf of these Christians back at Philippi.
verse twenty-four (see screen)

Paul spelled JOY as **J**_____**-O**_____**-Y**_____.