

**PHILIPPIANS PART FOUR –
FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR A JOYFUL LIFE... PART ONE**

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

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The primary emphasis in Philippians is joyfulness; _____ different times in this small book, Paul mentions joy, rejoicing, and gladness.

Happiness comes from the word “_____” from which we have derived the word “_____”. That means that happiness is, in some sense, contingent on our circumstances.

There is no problem-free life in this life.

Reference: **Job 14:1**, Job said, “*Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.*”

DEFINITION: Joyfulness is an internal sense of glad contentment we have _____, no matter what might be going on around us.

Beginning at **verse twelve** and going through **verse twenty-six**, Paul pulls from his own personal experience four essentials to a joyful life...

Essential One... Paul had a _____ on his circumstances

Reference: **II Timothy 2:8 and 9**,

verse eight, “*Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,*”

verse nine, “*for which I suffer trouble as an evil-doer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.*”

In **verse thirteen**, “*the whole palace guard*” refers to Caesar’s special soldiers called the _____ Guard.

Two basic reasons God permitted Paul to be imprisoned...

1) Paul was imprisoned so he could have a _____ to _____ to certain individuals he otherwise would never have met.

Reference: **Acts 1:8**, “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

It is most interesting that the word “witness” comes from a Greek word, from which we derive the word “_____”.

2) Paul was imprisoned so his attempt to evangelize in not-so-good circumstances _____ Christians in better circumstances to do the same thing.