THE ROYAL Book Six: Letters, Chapter 2 Philippians (Epistles) Pastor Miles McPherson – November 14, 2010



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Genre: Epistles – Read like a letter.
Epistles Reading Rules: Read the entire epistle 2-3 times all the way through and answer following questions.
1. Who wrote the epistle?
Answer: Paul (Philippians 1:1)
2. To whom was it written?
Answer: Saints in Philippi (Philippians 1:1)
3. Why was it written or what issue or conflict caused the letter to be written?
Answer: Thank the saints and encourage unity. (Philippians 1:3-27)
4. What does the author say about that issue that caused the letter to be written?
Answer: Workout your salvation. (Philippians 2:12)
themselves by relying upon and using the benefits of their salvation. REFLECT: The more we train ourselves to live like Christ, the more we will actually become like Him.
RESPOND: Establish a Spiritual <u>workout</u> plan.
A - Increase your Spiritual Flexibility by training yourself to <u>turn</u> your attention on others instead of yourself. <i>Philippians 2:3</i>
B - Increase your Spiritual Strength by consistently <u>lifting</u> the interests of others above yours. <i>Philippians 2:3</i>
C - Build up your Spiritual Endurance by increasing the length of time between your <u>complaints</u> . <i>Philippians 2:14</i>
5. How does this epistle relate to us and challenge us today?

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"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

MON – Galatians 1-3 WED – Galatians 1 FRI – Galatians 3 SUN – Galatians 5-6

TUE - Galatians 4-6 THU - Galatians 2 SAT - Galatians 4



Read and discover what God communicated to the people at the time of the writing.

Read the text 2-3 times and identify either:

- 1. Who wrote the epistle?
- 2. To whom was it written?
- 3. Why was it written or what issue or conflict caused the letter to be written?
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Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us in the present.

Write, in your own words, a 2-3 sentence prayer or revelation summarizing how the epistle has challenged you to obey God.



Respond and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more of who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there something you can praise God for? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to? How are you worshiping God in your life?

Further applications – Send a challenge to people in your acquaintance. Be bold in what the Lord is showing you as a step of faith. Use social media to spread the Word of God (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Blog, email, etc.).

Devotional necessities: A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

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{Kingdom principles for everyday life}

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