

# Shine Bright Like a Diamond

Philippians 2:12-18

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*Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. <sup>14</sup>Do everything without complaining or arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe <sup>16</sup>as you hold out the word of life — in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. <sup>17</sup>But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. <sup>18</sup>So you too should be glad and rejoice with me. Philippians 2:12-18 (New International Version)*

**Big Idea:** It is our humble obedience to Christ that makes us shine brightly in a dark world.

**1) If we want to shine brightly, we must put our salvation into practice.**

(See Philippians 2:12)

*Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. Philippians 2:12b (New Living Translation)*

*If you love me, obey my commandments. John 14:15 (NLT)*

**2) God works in our obedience and makes us desire to do His will even more.**  
(See Philippians 2:13)

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:13 (NLT)*

**3) If we want to shine for Jesus . . . our attitude in our obedience matters.**  
(See Philippians 2:14-16a)

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Philippians 2:14-16a (NIV)

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus . . . <sup>7</sup>who made himself nothing . . . <sup>8</sup>and became obedient to death . . . Philippians 2:5, 7, 8b (NIV)*