

OWNit365 Bible Reading Tips

To assist you in making the most of your Bible reading, we offer the following:

- Background and overview information about the book
 - Thoughts and questions for your personal reflection and observation
 - Questions that you can use in a small group setting
 - Something to look for in each chapter
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Philippians

Author

The book of Philippians is Paul's letter to a church (located in modern Macedonia, north of Greece). Originally, Paul led his missionary team there because of a vision ([Acts 16:9-12](#)).

Purpose of the Letter

Paul wrote to thank the Philippians for their help in his hour of need. He also urged them to maintain unity of mind, heart, and purpose ([Php 1:27](#), [Php 2:2](#), [Php 3:16](#), [Php 4:2](#)).

Key Word and Theme

Although Paul wrote from prison, this is the epistle of joy and rejoicing (mentioned 16 times).

Key Verse

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. (Php 3:1, NKJV)

High-level Outline

- A Mind Undivided ([Php 1](#))
- A Mind Submitted to God ([Php 2](#))
- A Spiritual Mind ([Php 3](#))
- A Secure Mind ([Php 4](#))

Personal Reflection and Application

What is the purpose of your life? Do you live for achievement, wealth, fame, or pleasure? Or do you live for something more ([Php 1:21](#))?

Contentment comes from finding God's plan for your life and living it as He directs. Are you spending enough time with Him to discover His plan for your life?

When Paul says we are to work out our salvation ([Php 2:12-13](#)), he doesn't mean we are to figure it out. He means we are to live it out by showing the works of salvation. No one can do this for us because God has a unique plan for each of us. In what ways are you showing the works of salvation?

Small Group Conversation Guide

As you grow in Christ, spiritual things become more important as things of the world become less important. How does Paul express this in [Philippians 3:7](#)? Do you begin each day with an urge to know your Savior better? What have you learned about Him so far? Are you beginning to appreciate how much He loves you and that He has a plan specifically for you ([Php 3:12](#))?

Most of us ask God to do things for us when we pray. Sometimes we forget to thank Him and praise Him when we pray ([Php 4:6](#)). Take a few minutes as a group to offer God prayers of thanksgiving and praise.

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to look for in each chapter.

What to Look for:

01. What two good desires caused Paul to be conflicted	02. What Christ did for us which showed great humility
03. Where Paul said our true citizenship lies	04. Why Paul believed He had the strength to do anything