

**PERSPECTIVE: Whose Got Your Joy?**  
**-Pastor Dan Morgan, Phil 3:1-30, 5/13/18**

**Context:**

- ✓ The Apostle Paul **planted** the church in Philippi on his second missionary **journey** around 52 A.D.
- ✓ This is Paul's "**thank you**" letter in 62 A.D.
- ✓ Paul wrote Philippians from a Roman **prison** while awaiting potential execution.

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Phil 3:1

**Rejoice** Defined: "to feel great delight, welcome or be glad, from within. To be content" Joy / Joyful / Rejoice = 16x in Philippians.

**Happy** Defined: "state of well being, pleasure or satisfying experience based on circumstances / things outside"

**Jesus said:**

- *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* John 10:10
- *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.* John 15:11
- *So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.* John 16:22

**JOY IS STOLEN WHEN...**

**1) ...I Replace Relationship with RULES.**

Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh- <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence. Philippians 3:3-4

*If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.*  
Philippians 3:5-6

**2) ...My Definition of SUCCESS Comes from the World.**

*But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...* Philippians 3:7-8

**Knowing Christ:** *ginosko* – (ghin-occe'-ko) equivalent Hebrew word *yada* – to know intimately.

**Rubbish:** *skubala* (skoo'-bal-a); what is thrown to the dogs, refuse, dung.

*...and be found in [Christ], not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.* Philippians 3:9

**KEY: Know Jesus, know peace. No Jesus, no peace.**

<sup>10</sup> *I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.*  
Philippians 3:10-11

**3) ...I Keep FOCUSING on the Disappointments of the Past.**

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:13-14

**Success Perspective:**

**Failure Perspective:**