

ASSIGNMENTS

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Assignment 4-1

Try making observations on Philippians 2:1-4. Write down as many observations as you can. Write in the text and in the margins.

Philippians 2:1-4 ESV

REPETITION OF WORDS
EMOTIVE LANGUAGE

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
IN THE EVENT THAT... RELATED THEMES

any comfort from love,

any participation in the Spirit,
RELATED THEMES

any affection and sympathy,

(2) complete my joy by being of the same mind,
REQUEST RELATED THEMES

having the same love, RELATED THEMES

being in full accord and of one mind. RELATED THEMES

(3) Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
COMMAND CONTRAST

but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
CONTRAST

THE WRITERS PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER

(4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
CONTRAST

but also to the interests of others. CONTRAST
AGAIN, THE WRITERS PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER

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Assignment 4-2

From 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 make as many observations as you can. Dig deep. Think hard. This is not an easy passage. Spend time on this. Mark dozens and dozens of observations. Read and reread! Look again. Observe, observe and observe!

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ESV For the word of the cross is folly to those who

CONJUNCTIVE WORD
(C.W.)

CONTRAST WITH

are perishing, PERISHING & SAVED - POLAR OPPOSITES = REPETITION OF WORDS
BELOW DRAMATIC LANGUAGE, HEAVYWEIGHTED

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

CONTRAST WITH ABOVE

THE WRITER'S PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER

(19) For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

(C.W.)

PARADOXICAL STATEMENT

AN IMMINENT THREAT

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

PARADOXICAL STATEMENT

AN IMMINENT THREAT

(20) Where is the one who is ^{*}wise? Where is the ^{*}scribe? LIST: WISE, SCRIBE & DEBATER

PROVOCATIVE LANGUAGE PERHAPS TO STIMULATE AN ACTION OR REACTION
A TAUNT OR GOAD, A CHALLENGE OR COMPETITION

Where is the ^{*}debater of this age? DENOTING AN UNDEFINED TIME PERIOD FROM THE PRESENT

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

WHAT SEEMS A PARADOXICAL QUESTION

(21) For since, in the wisdom of God,

CAUSE AND EFFECT

the world did not know God through wisdom,

it pleased God through the folly of what we preach

GOD'S PREFERENCE / PREFERRED WAY IN THIS MATTER

to save those who believe.

CONTRAST BETWEEN "WORLDLY WISDOM" NOT
RECOGNISING GOD VERSUS THOSE WHO BELIEVED
WHAT THE WORLD CONSIDERED TO BE "FOLLY" PREACHED WERE SAVED.

(22) For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE WORLDLY i.e. HUMAN EXPERIENCE AND HUMAN EFFORTS TO UNDERSTAND...

(23) but we preach Christ crucified,

AND THE SPIRITUAL, DELIVERED "PREACHED" BY HUMANS ALSO BUT WHO BELIEVE IN "CHRIST"

a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles.

FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE: 'STUMBLING BLOCK' REFERS TO A DIFFICULTY OR OBSTACLE THAT HINDERS PROGRESS, BELIEF OR UNDERSTANDING

(24) but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,

* CONTRAST BETWEEN BOTH TYPES OF PEOPLE, WITHIN BOTH TYPES ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, TO THEM IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW CHRIST/GOD BUT TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE, KNOW CHRIST AND GOD.
'FOLLY' REFERS TO A LACK OF GOOD SENSE, FOOLISHNESS.

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

WHO DO NOT BELIEVE, TO THEM IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW CHRIST/GOD BUT TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE, KNOW CHRIST AND GOD.

(25) For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, AND GOD.

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE INFINITE WISDOM OF GOD COMPARED TO THE VERY LIMITED SCOPE OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

CONTRAST BETWEEN THE INFINITE POWER OF GOD AND THE LIMITED STRENGTH OF HUMANS

OVERALL, VERY EMOTIVE LANGUAGE USED BY THE WRITER ALSO A VERY CONFIDENT AND ENCOURAGING TONE.

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Assignment 4-3

From Colossians 3:1-4 make as many observations as you can. Dig deep and think hard. Spend time on this. Mark dozens of observations. Be prepared to read and reread. Look again and again. Observe and observe!

Colossians 3:1-4 ESV If then you have been raised with Christ,

A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT PRESENTING
A CONDITION AND ITS POTENTIAL OUTCOME

= REPETITION
OF WORDS

seek the things that are above,

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IF THE ABOVE CONDITION HAS BEEN MET...

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RAISED

where Christ is,

"ABOVE" IS WHERE "CHRIST IS" AND SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF THOSE WHO HAVE
"BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST" - FOCUS ON CHRIST AND "THE THINGS THAT ARE
ABOVE" WHERE "CHRIST IS"
seated at the right hand of God. ← INDICATING POSITION OF GREAT AUTHORITY

A MORE DEFINITE DESCRIPTION OF WHERE "CHRIST IS"

(2) Set your minds on things that are above, "ABOVE" A PLACE OR A STATE OF MIND OR BOTH

CONTRAST

THE WRITER'S PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER

AN INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO "SET YOUR MIND..." IF YOU SET YOUR MIND
ON SOMETHING, YOU ARE DETERMINED TO
DO IT OR OBTAIN IT.

not on things that are on earth.

CONTRAST

BUILDING ON THE INSTRUCTION IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, CLEAR RULES

(3) For you have died,

AGAIN CONDITIONAL

and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

THE RESULT OR A RESULT OF THE CONDITION BEING MET

(4) When Christ who is your life appears,

SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE NEXT THING CAN OCCUR.

then you also will appear with him in glory.

PROGNOSTICATIVE WRITING: THOSE (YOU SINGULAR OR PLURAL) WHO
ARE RAISED WITH CHRIST, HAVE "DIED" BUT THEIR "LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH
CHRIST IN GOD" YET THEY ARE ALIVE BUT HAVE YET TO "APPEAR WITH
HIM (PRONOUN) IN GLORY"

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Assignment 4-4

From Psalm 1:1-3 Again, make as many observations as you can. Dig deep and think hard. Pray your way through these exercises. Be prepared to read and reread. Look again and again. Observe, pray, and observe!

Psalms 1:1-3 ESV ^{*}Blessed is the man who walks
A CONDITIONAL STATEMENT PRESENTING
A CONDITION AND ITS POTENTIAL OUTCOME.
FOR "THE MAN"

not in the counsel of the wicked,

INSTRUCTION, DIRECTION,
WARNING OF WHAT "NOT"
TO DO

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

= REPETITION OF WORDS

*"BLESSED..." POSITIVE OPENING

*"PROSPERS." POSITIVE ENDING

LIST OF ACTIONS AND STEREOTYPES

(2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD, = SOURCE OF MAN'S BLESSING

THE WRITERS PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER & INSTRUCTION WHAT TO DO,
"DELIGHT" TO EXPERIENCE A HIGH DEGREE OF PLEASURE, ENJOYMENT OR SATISFACTION

and on his law he meditates day and night. = HOW MAN IS TO RECEIVE THIS BLESSING

TO MEDITATE ON DAY & NIGHT IS TO HAVE AT FRONT OF MIND DURING EVERY
WAKING MOMENT

(3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water

VERY POSITIVE, PLEASANT AND
PROMISING STATEMENTS

VIVID LANGUAGE TO CREATE
IMAGERY TO HELP THE READER
TO VISUALISE THE SUBJECT.
ALMOST POETIC.

that yields its fruit in its season,

ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITIONS, ALLURING AND EVOKING SENSE OF SECURITY

and its leaf does not wither.

^{*}
In all that he does, he prospers.

NOT IN PART BUT THE WHOLE

ALTHOUGH INSTRUCTIONAL, OVERALL TONE IS ENCOURAGING,
POSITIVE, PROMISING AND HOPEFUL BOTH BEGINNING AND ENDING
ON POSITIVE NOTES

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Assignment 4-5

From Matthew 6:25-34 We may be familiar with this text, but read it again with fresh eyes. Again, make as many observations as you can. Dig deep and think hard. Pray your way through these exercises. Be prepared to read and reread. Look again and again. Observe, pray, and observe!

Matthew 6:25-34 ESV Therefore I tell you,

= REPETITION OF WORDS

"I" IS SPEAKING TO
"YOU" WHO IS ALSO
"YOUR"

CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB, AS A RESULT, CONSEQUENTLY,
SO SOMETHING CAME BEFORE THIS SENTENCE

do not be anxious about your life,

INSTRUCTION / ADVICE ON WHAT NOT TO DO

what you will eat or what you will drink,

LIST OF LIFE'S ESSENTIALS - "YOUR LIFE"

nor about your body,

what you will put on.

Is not life more than food,

QUESTIONING BASIC
THINKING, POSING A

CHALLENGE TO THINK BEYOND BEING ANXIOUS FOR BASIC NEEDS LISTED TO LIVE
and the body more than clothing?



(26) Look at the birds of the air:

ALLEGORICAL WRITING, DESCRIPTIVE

ACTION WORD, NOTICE WHAT EXISTS/LIVES AROUND "YOU" AS "YOU"
MIGHT HAVE NOT NOTICED



they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,



and yet your heavenly Father feeds them,

"YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER" FEEDS THE BIRDS & EVEN MORE SO PROVIDE FOOD FOR "YOU"



are you not of more value than they?

"YOU" DESCRIBED AS HAVING "MORE VALUE" THAN THE BIRDS SO THE
NEEDS OF "YOU" ARE PRIORITISED ABOVE THOSE OF THE BIRDS.

(27) And which of you by being anxious
A REAL "SLAP IN THE FACE - WAKEUP!"
QUESTIONING WHY SUFFER ANXIETY
AS THOUGH IT WILL BENEFIT / LENGTHEN
LIFE...
can add a single hour to his span of life?
NOT LOGICAL TO THINK SO.

PARADOXICAL QUESTION

(28) And why are you anxious about clothing?

INTERESTING THAT "CLOTHING" MENTIONED MORE TIMES THAN
FOOD OR DRINK.

* Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: ALLEGORICAL WRITING

* they neither toil nor spin,

* (29) yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory

* was not arrayed like one of these.

* (30) But if God so clothes the grass of the field,

* which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,

will he not much more clothe you,

REPETITIVE THEME OF "YOU" AS HAVING "MORE VALUE" THAN THE "LILLIES
OF THE FIELD" SO THE BASIC NEEDS AND MORE - CLOTHES HERE - ARE
PRIORITISED ABOVE NATURE
O you of little faith?

(31) Therefore do not be anxious,

REPETITION OF THE FIRST LINE BUT THIS TIME GIVING GOOD
REASON WHY IN THE PREVIOUS LINES, HENCE THE
CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB -

saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?'

or 'What shall we wear?'

REPETITION OF LIST OF LIFE'S BASIC ESSENTIALS, BUT IN THE FORM OF ANXIOUS QUESTIONS BY 'YOU OF LITTLE FAITH.'

(32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things,

CONTRAST BETWEEN WHAT THE 'GENTILES SEEK' AND WHAT 'YOU' SHOULD 'SEEK FIRST.'

and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

(33) But seek first the kingdom of God

↳ THE WRITER'S PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER
ACTION WORD - SEEK

and his righteousness,

INSTRUCTION TO SEEK i.e. WHAT SEEK IN COMPARISON WITH WHAT THE GENTILES SEEK AS MENTIONED ABOVE.

and all these things will be added to you.

↳ SEEK FIRST THEN ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED...
CONDITIONAL UPON WHAT YOU SEEK AS DESCRIBED

(34) "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow,

3x REPEATED AS IN OPENING LINE AND THEN LATER AND NOW AGAIN JUST BEFORE THE END = THEME REINFORCEMENT;

EMPHASIZING THE UNDERLYING MESSAGE & CENTRAL IDEA OF
for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.

THIS NARRATIVE.

**ENDING WITH SOME LIGHT/DARK WISDOM
TOMORROW WILL HAVE ITS OWN PROBLEMS**

Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

SO FOCUS ON TODAY AND ITS OWN PROBLEMS