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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

① ^{list} So if there is any encouragement in Christ,

② any comfort from love,

Tone: Encouraging

③ any participation in the Spirit,

④ any affection and sympathy,

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

^{verb}
↓
having the same love,

^{verb}
↓
being in full accord and of one mind.

FOS

united nature

Repetition:

- love
- mind
- interests

(3) Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,

^{contrast}
↓
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

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

^{contrast}
↑
but also to the interests of others.

conjunction

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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

are perishing,

Action of God

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

conjecture

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

how:
impassioned
explanation?

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

(20) Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Wise: Repetition?
• wisdom?

Where is the debater of this age?

• folly
• power

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

• God
• men
• world.

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

confusion

the world did not know God through wisdom,

it pleased God through the folly of what we preach

Action of God

role of people

to save those who believe.

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

(23) but we preach Christ crucified,

“ fool ”
a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

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

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

connection
(25) For the foolishness of God is wiser than men,

comparison
and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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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,

verb

↓

seek the things that are above,

where Christ is,

seated at the right hand of God.

verb

↓

(2) Set your minds on things that are above,

?
contrast
↓

not on things that are on earth.

? position?

- Above
- Life
- Christ
- God
- appear

Tone: calm, explanatory

(3) For you have died,

conjunction

↓

and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

(4) When Christ who is your life appears,

then you also will appear with him 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 ← verb

list

- ① not in the counsel of the wicked,
- ② nor stands in the way of sinners,
- ③ nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

series of

Tone is encouraging

(2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

Repetition

• Law

conjunction

the Lord

verb

↳ and on his law he meditates day and night.

comparisons

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

↳ who delight is in the law.

that yields its fruit in its season,

conjunction

↳ and its leaf does not wither.

is series of

↳ In all that he does, he prospers.

(27) And which of you by being anxious

can add a single hour to his span of life? (Q)

(28) And why are you anxious about clothing? (Q)

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow:

→ answered

they neither toil nor spin,

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

was not arrayed like one of these.

conjunction

(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,

O you of little faith? (Q)

(31) Therefore do not be anxious,

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

or 'What shall we wear?' ^Q

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

and your ^{BT} heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

^{conjunction} (33) But seek first the kingdom of God ^{verb}

and his righteousness, ^{Means of}

and all these things will be added to you. ^{- food, shelter & clothing}

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

for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.

Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.