

# 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  
 an implication

(So if there is any encouragement in Christ,  
 some hope or confidence present - putting hope & confidence in Jesus)

Repetition

any. Some, even little

a presence of something  
 (any comfort from love, some will ease in script, Perfection)  
 (any participation in the Spirit, acknowledging in genuine concern & care)

List

encouragement  
 comfort  
 participation  
 affection  
 sympathy  
 love

(any affection and sympathy, some fondness, or linking connection to feel sorry)  
 (2) (complete my joy by being of the same mind, to make whole in perfect, the author's happiness)

Putting confidence in Christ  
 comfort we receive = Christ's love  
 Holy Spirit guiding us  
 affection and mercy we receive  
 Paul (author) is happy to see the Philippians to have the same attitude as himself.  
 Paul states to act in humility and to put others first.

(having the same love, experiential unified, deeper feelings, emotional connection, or unity)  
 (3) (Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, do not do, coming from disregard of others, Pursuit of personal interests, pride of oneself)

Contrast

Selfish ambition, conceit / humility

(but in humility count others more significant than yourselves, instead modest humble, value others greater than oneself)  
 (4) (Let each of you look not only to his own interests, allowed conjunction in the group, Pronoun, the philippians being addressed)

(but also to the interests of others, instead do well to know people, do not consider only)



(22) For Jews (demand signs) and Greeks seek wisdom.  
 worked to see Jesus perform more miracles  
 the Greeks on their own placed value on knowledge but lacked truth

(23) but we preach Christ crucified  
 a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles.  
 Jesus crucified for our sins  
 another group of people  
 Jesus crucified for our sins  
 find what is relevant to all people  
 some have that group of people also, foolishness to one group of people is relevant to another group of people

but Demand Seek React

(24) but to those who are called both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
 connecting pred. sentence address a group of people summoned to a specific purpose  
 both groups of people from different nations  
 knowing God and reliance on Him

Contract Stumbling block folly Power Wisdom

(25) For the foolishness of God is wiser than men.  
 Purpose direction lacking judgement the all might present tense all people

God even lacking some judgement is smarter than man will ever be

(and the weakness of God is stronger than men.)  
 also lack of strength the all might present tense all people

God in His weakness is stronger than man will ever be

Comparisons

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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)

(seek the things that are above, to look for values heavenly help)

(where Christ is,)

the place Jesus where He was

(seated at the right hand of God.)

Position (where Jesus is seated) where He is seated at the right hand of God. For where He is seated at the right hand of God, He is seated at the right hand of God.

(2) (Set your minds on things that are above, concentrate on heavenly things or heavenly matters)

(not on things that are on earth.)

not to do something for earthly matters concerns

(3) (For you have died, because believers gave up a sinful life in Christ)

(and your life is hidden with Christ in God.)

also who you are revealed Christ your purpose revealed by the father

(4) (When Christ who is your life appears, at what time Jesus who has to show everything to believers)

(they you also will appear with him in glory.)

at that time who believes I will be called on rise UP Jesus Christ when Jesus returns appears

an action that began & continues

For raised with Christ spiritual rebirth and future hope that those who believe will be raised up on the last day

Paul is speaking to a group of believers but the Church in Colossae that Jesus Christ is God.

Repetition

Life  
You  
You

Contrast

things from above holy/heavenly things on earth sin, greed, lust

Focus on Jesus Christ and seek to do good and believers will one day see Jesus Christ return to be with us

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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  
 looked upon with favor  
 Antecolour  
 For those who obey or children  
 (not in the counsel) of the wicked,  
 listening to the advice of those who do evil or are sinful  
 (nor stands in the way) of sinners,  
 Partakes those who do evil  
 For actions they do  
 does not sit in the seat of scoffers;  
 Actually exposing those who mock  
 (2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
 those who work or desire found the commandments of God  
 and on his law he meditates day and night.  
 also God's teaching or commandments frame his thoughts always on the law  
 (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
 The one who walks with God  
 Planted by streams of water  
 constant source to allow growth for strong & healthy fruit  
 that yields its fruit in its season,  
 to bear or law fruit what is produced  
 and its leaf does not wither.  
 like the tree the fruit  
 will not wither  
 In all that he does he prospers.  
 Everything that man who meditates & hears God's word will be successful

Repetitive  
 He - the one who seeks to obey & stick to God's word

Contrast  
 Blessed / wicked  
 delight in the law / scoffers

means  
 God will bless those who seek and obey His word and prosper with success & growth

### Comparison

Like a tree / Rooted in faith  
 Planted by streams of water / Constant source to allow for growth & to bear healthy fruit  
 Fruit / Good deeds  
 Leaf - / To be a source of light and goodness

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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,

Present tense

for this reason Jesus is saying

do not be anxious about your life, (do not be worried)

what you will eat or what you will drink, (what you need)

nor about your body, (do not be concerned with physical appearance)

what you will put on, (the clothes you will wear)

Is not life more than food, (the needs we are here for)

and the body more than clothing? (emphasize we are more than what we wear)

(26) Look at the birds of the air. (See a creature that flies)

they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, (they do not harvest or store their food away)

and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. (God always has food)

are you not of more value than they? (Indicate that God put more value in mankind than the birds)

## Dalozul

Jesus is addressing a crowd of people. Not to be anxious about their needs for God will care for them. He is speaking to each individual.

Lists - ~~an~~ Anxieties

General - you life  
 Specific - food, drink

General - body  
 Specific (what you will put on) (clothing)

Comparing - birds in the air are fed w/out sowing, reaping or gathering - to us being more valuable

Purpose - to trust in God for your needs and not to be anxious about worldly things

Result - God will take care of those who rely on Him.

Using imagery of birds that fly freely and rely on God's provisions

Repeating  
 saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?'  
 or 'What shall we wear?'  
 People concerned w/ food & drink  
 or (What shall we wear?)  
 asked about clothing

Repeating  
 Jesus is pointing out  
 not to be concerned with  
 with our needs for they  
 will be provided if we  
 trust & rely on the  
 Father

(32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things,  
 whose who are  
 not Jewish & others  
 and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.  
 God the Father is aware that you need food, drink  
 and clothing to live

- Lists
- Food
- Drink
- Clothes

(33) But seek first the kingdom of God  
 and his righteousness,  
 and all these things will be added to you.  
 be concerned  
 put above all else  
 also living w/ integrity  
 reflect goodly character

Jesus wants us to see  
 the bigger picture. To  
 seek the Kingdom of God  
 to live righteously and  
 to rely on God and  
 our needs will be met

(34) Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow,  
 for this day has its own trouble.  
 things that are needed to survive in the future  
 give to believers  
 for this reason tell us not to fret upon what is to come

Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.  
 to every day has its own set of challenges  
 future tense has its own set of challenges that we cannot see

There will always  
 be trials and troubles  
 but do not concentrate  
 on those things  
 but the goodness  
 of the Father

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(27) And which of you by being anxious

can add a single hour to his span of life?

(28) And why are you anxious about clothing?

Consider the lilies of the field how they grow:

they neither toil nor spin,   
 (wires do not work no labor)

(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?

O you of little faith?

(31) Therefore do not be anxious,

for this reason do not worry by relying on the Father.

Jesus is saying being anxious does not bring us anything

Compassion  
Lilies of the field / How God clothes us

Can being anxious help us? No it can not therefore seek God

On rain & nutrients from the soil to thrive - which & rely on him.

Using imagery & comparison to seek his point

Solomon's royal robes with the lilies in the field

The Father loves us more than the lilies and will take care of us if we rely on Him

Being anxious and worrying does not accomplish anything but relying on the Father but in our trust in Him and He will take care of us.