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**Be Happy - Part 2**  
**Life Is Hard...Choose Happiness**  
**Philippians 1:12-30**

**Philippians 1:27 (NIV)** Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Four Happiness Choices**

**1. See every problem from God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Vs 12 (NIV)** Everything that has happened to me has helped spread the Good News.

**Facing a problem in faith is...**

- **a witness to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Vs 13 (NLT)** ...everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ.

- **an encouragement to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Vs 14 (NLT)** ...because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear.

**2. Don't allow others to control my \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Vvs 15-18 (NIV)** It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

**Four Types of Folks**

- \_\_\_\_\_ - "envy, rivalry"
- \_\_\_\_\_ - "out of love"
- \_\_\_\_\_ - "selfish ambition"
- \_\_\_\_\_ - "trouble for me"

**Paul's Attitude**

**Vs 18 (NIV)** But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached.

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**3. \_\_\_\_\_ God to work things out.**

**Vs 19 (NIV)** for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

**4. Focus on my \_\_\_\_\_, not my \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Vvs 22-25 (GNT)** But if by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work, then I am not sure which I should choose. I am pulled in two directions. I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better thing; but for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive. I am sure of this, and so I know that I will stay. I will stay on with you all, to add to your progress and joy in the faith,  
**Philippians 1:21 (NIV)** For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.