



How to shine like stars

**Philippians
2:12–18**

Being a Christ-like community



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15

15 ...become blameless and pure,

‘children of God without fault in a
warped and crooked generation.’

**Then you will shine among them like
stars in the sky...**



Be the light of the world

Matthew 5:14, 16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



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OBEY GOD
v12a





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12a

12a Therefore, my dear friends, as
you have always obeyed – not only
in my presence, but now much
more in my absence –



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**CONTINUE TO WORK
OUT YOUR SALVATION**

v12b - 13



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12b-13

12b continue to work out your
salvation with fear and trembling
13 for it is God who works in you
to will and to act in order to fulfil
his good purpose.



**Our ‘working
out’ comes from
the work of God.**

“We can rejoice
in God’s
empowering
presence even as
we work hard at
living responsible
Christian lives.”





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DON'T GRUMBLE OR ARGUE

v14 – 15



“Do
everything
without
grumbling
or
arguing.”
Phil. 2:14



**Do you
need to
do a
grumble/
argue
audit?**



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14-15

┌ **14** Do everything without grumbling or arguing,

15 so that you may become blameless and pure,

‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’

└ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky...

If we
grumble &
argue,
we're just
the same
as the
world

If we don't
grumble &
argue, we
become
examples to
our pagan
culture





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**HOLD FIRMLY TO
THE WORD OF LIFE**

v16



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A reliable
way to find
the
direction of
true North



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BE GLAD AND REJOICE

v17 – 18



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17-18

┌ **17** But even if I am being poured out like a
drink offering on the sacrifice and service
coming from your faith, I am glad and
rejoice with all of you.

18 So you too should be glad and rejoice
└ with me.

Despite the sacrifice, Paul is glad & rejoices





As we
are glad
and
rejoice...

**...we shine
brighter!**

