





THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE

- **PERSPECTIVE** is how we choose to see life.
- **PERSPECTIVE** is the lens we use to filter the world around us and within us.
- **PERSPECTIVE** is a skill we must learn, a discipline we must nurture.

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STEP 1

I must learn to see detours as doorways.

 "I want you to know that what happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel."
PHILIPPIANS 1:12

FOR PAUL

**IMPRISONMENT WASN'T PRISON,
IT WAS A PLATFORM TO
PROCLAIM CHRIST TO AN
UNEXPECTED AUDIENCE.**

Learn to see advantage in disadvantages, and a detour through difficulty will become a doorway to delight.

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STEP 2
**I must learn to
disarm my
detractors.**

"It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry... [preaching] out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains."

PHILIPPIANS 1:15-17





THE CRITIC'S MOTIVE

“Selfish Ambition”

VERSE 17

partisanship; to canvas for office,
a zero-sum effort to gain
support.

DEFANG THE CRITIC



*“But what does it matter? The most important thing is
that in every way, whether from false motives or true,
Christ is preached. And because of this, I rejoice.
Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.”*

PHILIPPIANS 1:18

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Criticism only has
power over me if I
empower it.

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STEP 3

I must learn to sanctify my
suffering.



*“I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus,
what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect
and hope that I will in no way be ashamed...”*

PHILIPPIANS

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"But will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

PHILIPPIANS

SANCTIFIED

Suffering

"Exalt" (megaluno):

to magnify, to make great, to shine the light on.

Paul pre-decided that the end result of his suffering, be it deliverance or death, would be to exalt Jesus.

SANCTIFIED

Suffering

When a believer is put under the microscope of suffering, unbelievers can suddenly see how big Jesus is.



"This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God."

PHILIPPIANS 1:28

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