

Finding Biblical Focus for Your Future



From Philippians

COTR North Verse of the Year

“For You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come.” Psalm 102:13



Last three weeks...

Seven BIG Biblical focal points for 2018

1. The Focal Point of the FAMILY of God.

2. The Focal Point of FINANCES

3. The Focal Point of FAITHFULNESS

- Faithfulness of God

- Faithfulness to the Gospel of God



Focal Point of FRUITFULNESS

- **Philippians 1:9-11** – *“Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.”*
- Filled = “full to the brim, overflowing, to cram full”



Important points to ponder...

“It is God’s plan for the indwelling of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to work within us the character and nature of Christ for the purpose of being filled with “fruits of righteousness”.



Important points to ponder...

- We can't work our way into being righteous.
- Faith works righteousness within us and that righteousness will always be manifest through works of righteousness
- **FRUITFULNESS**



Fruits of Righteousness from Phil.

1. Fruit of Healthy **LOVING** – Phil. 1:9

- Phil. 1:21-25 - 2:1-4 - 4:15-19

- John 15:1-10

2. The Fruit of Holy **LIVING** – Phil. 1:10

- Phil. 1:27

- Phil. 2:12-15



Holy Living...

1. Live for HIM! – Phil. 1:11 & 20
2. Live for the HURTING – Phil. 2:1
3. Live for HELPING – Phil. 1:23-25
4. Live for HEAVEN – Phil. 3:20



Important points to ponder...

3. The Fruit of Happy LIVING – Phil.1:4

- Even in prison, Paul modeled and encouraged happy living!

• Phil. 4:4 – *“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!”*



Final Thoughts...

The responsibility of every believer is to bear much fruit and be *“filled with the fruits of righteousness”*.

- Phil. 2:12,13 – *“Work out your own...”*
- **We are to “work out” what He is “working in”**

