

Strength to face the Future

Philippians 1:18b-21

Introduction

18b and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice. 19 For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

#1 Christ gives _____ to face tomorrow 18-19

Daniel 3:17 our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up

1st Strength from the _____ of family 19c

James 5:16b The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
Romans 15:30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me
1 Thessalonians 5:25 Brethren, pray for us...

2nd Strength from the _____ of the Spirit 19d

Romans 8:9
Galatians 5:22-23
Zechariah 4:6 Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.
Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us

Ephesians 5:18 Be filled with the Spirit

1st Strength from the PRAYERS of family 19c

2nd Strength from the SUFFICIENCY of the Spirit 19d

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3rd Strength from an _____ focus 20a

Romans 8:19

Hebrews 12:1 let us also lay aside every *encumbrance*, and the *sin* which so easily entangles us, and let us run
with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 *fixing our eyes on Jesus*, the author and perfecter of faith,
who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of
the throne of God.

#2 Christ gives _____ I'm in His hands 20b

Psalms 25:3 Indeed, none of those who wait for Thee will be ashamed;
Those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

#3 Christ gives me a _____ to live for 20c

2 Corinthians 5:15 He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves,
but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1st Christ makes me a _____ witness with all boldness

2nd Christ causes me to remain _____ Christ shall even now, as always

3rd Christ allows me to pay any _____ whether by life or by death.

#4 Christ gives hope through _____ 21

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-In order, starting with the worst, list the top 5 greatest fears of the future genuine believers battle with?
- 2-What good does prayer do when someone is battling with the future?
- 3-How do you personally know when you are depending on the Spirit and not living in your own strength?
- 4-What does it practically look like when someone actually has an eternal focus and not an earthly one?
- 5-What changes do I need to make in my lifestyle to genuinely have a life that MAGNIFIES Christ?

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