



# Perspective

Philippians

# **Philippians 1:12-18**

## **Paul's Proper Perspective**



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# **“First World Problems”**



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“<sup>14</sup> And so we came to Rome. <sup>15</sup> The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged.”

Acts 28:14b-15

- **Perspective: Challenging circumstances offer new opportunities to minister**



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#### a) House arrest because of the hope of Israel



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### 2. Paul's impact in spite of imprisonment (Phil1:13-14)

- a) The Gospel advanced among the palace guard
- b) The Roman Christians advanced the Gospel in Rome
- **Perspective: Courage is contagious! A prison stay produced passionate proclamations of the Gospel!**



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## C. Paul's Critics

### 1. How was Paul received in Rome? (Phil1:15-17)

- a) Most loved Him
- b) Some loathed Him

### 2. Paul's comeback to his critics (Phil. 1:18)

- a) What does it matter? The message is being scattered!
- **Perspective: Celebrate when Christ is clearly communicated!**



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II. Why did God allow it to happen?

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A. Paul's Concentration

1. Paul's focus was not on his challenging circumstances but communicating the Gospel



- **Perspective: God can use the most challenging circumstances for our good, for the gospel, and for His glory!**

