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### Applications from Philippians Chapter 1

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#### Verse 1

- We should always be working in a discipleship context—like Paul with Timothy. We should always be a Paul or a Timothy.
- The definition of our ministry should be that we are a bond slave to Jesus Christ. We are not here to serve the world, and we are not to be bond slaves to people.
- Christian leaders should serve believers throughout their city or region, not only those in one particular group.
- The church includes a network of believers which might extend anywhere in the world. The network is based in love, fellowship, and giving.
- Administrative leadership for the church should always be a plurality. There should never be one person dominating any group of believers.

#### Verse 2

- We do not merit our salvation, but we can be secure in it.

#### Verse 3-5

- One source of joy on this earth as a Christian is our financial participation with those who are spreading the Gospel.

#### Verse 6

- One source of joy on this earth as a Christian is realizing that Christ is perfecting in us what He started with us at our salvation.

#### Verse 7-8

- Christian fellowship includes a love for believers across a network that might extend anywhere.

#### Verse 9

- Love always includes giving.
- Love should never be divorced from knowledge and discernment.

#### Verse 10-11

- The reason love must be in the context of knowledge and discernment is to approve excellent things, which in turn will earn rewards in heaven.

#### Verse 12-14

- We should boldly step out doing unusual things for the sake of the Gospel because it encourages the more timid believers to do so. Then bold becomes normal.

#### Verse 15-18

- We should ignore the motives of those proclaiming a true Gospel, but not ignore those proclaiming a false gospel.

#### Verse 19-20

- If we choose to be a bond slave to Christ (verse 1) our final circumstances can only turn out good. It is the only win-win.

#### Verse 22-25

- Even though heaven is better, we should always choose to live on in the flesh and minister to our disciples in Christ until He takes us home.

#### Verse 26

- Make positive joyful declarations about what Christ has done but never do it with pride.