

Magnify

Philippians 1:20-21

[It is] my earnest expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will 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.

Philippians 1:22-26 But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,³ for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men? 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

1. God calls all Christians to a _____.

Philippians 1:22-24 But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me...yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Philippians 1:25 I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- Serving others reflects the heart of God.
- Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

2. God _____, but He uses our ministry faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

• God is the _____ of our growth.

John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Philippians 2:13 It is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

- Anything good in us is God in us.

- God _____ us in His ministry strategy.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

3. Some of our service is _____ for future fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:5-6 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. 6 I planted...

- Seed planting sometimes comes because of _____
_____.

- Seed planting comes as an _____ of living out our faith.

Matthew 25:35-40

4. Some of our service is _____ for greater fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

- We might think of watering as the _____ process.
- Acts 18:24-26
- Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- The goal of discipleship is to know Jesus and to become more like Him.
- Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you.
- Romans 8:29 He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son.

What will you do in 2023 to plant seeds and to water other believers so they will bear fruit for God's glory?