

Settle It!

How to Operate in this Crazy Generation
Philippians 2:14-18

Paul offers 6 realities of what every believer ought to strive to be in this crooked and perverse generation.

Be RESPONSIBLE v. 2:12-13
... “*work out your own salvation*” ...

Be REASONABLE v. 2:14
“*Do all things without grumbling and disputing*” ...

“*The people spoke against God and Moses, ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food’*”
(Numbers 21:5).

Be RESPECTABLE v. 2:15
... “*blameless and innocent children of God above reproach*”

Be RADIANT v. 2:15
... “*among whom you appear as lights in the world.*”

Be RESOLVED v. 2:16
... “*holding fast the word of life*” ...

BE RESPONSIVE v. 2:17-18
... “*rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.*”

Life Group Discussion Questions – February 13, 2022

Philippians 2:14-15 *Do all things without complaining or arguments; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world*

DISCOVER (Read Philippians 2:12-18)

1. What were some of the reasons that people hated Jesus during His time on Earth? Make a list of some of the reasons the world is disgusted by Christians. Compare/contrast these reasons for their aversion to Jesus today.
2. Was there ever a generation that was not thought to be crooked and perverse? Can you think of some historical examples? What standards might they have attained that would've caused this more honorable reputation?
3. When do you have a tendency to complain? Why is that? What can you do to break this cycle?

EXPLORE

1. If you stand for biblical truth, the world will hate you. If you have a confident and forward personality, the world will probably hate you as well. How are these two ideas mutually exclusive of each other? Why is it important to know which of these reasons are in play?
2. Read John 14:15. What are we responsible for as Christ followers? How can we possibly be obedient to the extent that Jesus commanded?
3. How can your Life Group and the church avoid tilting toward a foundation or practice that is like shifting sand? What did Jesus say about building a house on sand? (see Matthew 7:24-27) When have you found yourself leaning toward cultural norms instead of the biblical truth?
4. When have God's people been accused of being argumentative or complaining? (see Numbers 21:5) What are some examples in current events?

EXPERIENCE

1. What practices guide us in developing a firm footing and settle into a pure lifestyle? How does a firm foundation prepare us for turbulent times?
2. How can we speak truth without grumbling and disputing? (see Philippians 2:14)
3. We are surrounded by hurting people focused on the cares of the world. What are some simple ways to share truth with those we come in contact with? Are you praying for, looking for, and willing to be a part of divine encounters? Do you have trouble slowing down with your agenda so that you can fulfill your calling to share the love of Christ?

PRAY

Pray...Holy Spirit, please convict us when we absorb the ways of the world by complaining or grumbling. Give us a passion to share Your love in truth and grace. Amen.

Action...Commit to going a full day without complaining or grumbling. And then another day and continue the practice. Share with the group any divine encounters that allowed you to share the love of God during the past week.