

**Rejoicing in Christ**  
**“Shining Lights in a Dark World”**  
**(Philippians 2:14-16)**

**Introduction**

**Thesis:** From this text, I want you to consider with me three incentives against complaining and quarrelling and trust that God will inspire you by what the apostle told the Philippian believers.

I. God desires you to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2:15a).

II. God desires You to be a \_\_\_\_\_ (2:15b – 16a).

III. God desires you to be \_\_\_\_\_ (2:16b).

## **Conclusion**

### **Text: Philippians 2:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing; <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

### **Related Texts:**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:5-6... 9-10**

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved.

<sup>9</sup> Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup> Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

#### **1 Thessalonians 3:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you; <sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

#### **Proverbs 4:23**

<sup>23</sup> Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it *flow* the springs of life.

#### **Hebrews 3:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

#### **Ephesians 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

#### **Daniel 12:3**

<sup>3</sup> Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

#### **Matthew 5:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup> nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.