

THREE THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH FOR CHRIST

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In the book of Philippians we want to examine " **three things**" Christ gave His children to accomplish in our service to Him.

The Gospel of Christ. "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel:" {Philippians 1:27} This is the Christian's theme-to strive to bring our lives into agreement with the saving gospel of Christ. God's book is our guide as we walk the uneven pathways of life. Molding our lives to conform with His teachings and seeking to influence others to live for Him too.

The Work of Christ. "Because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me." {Philippians 2:30} Like the apostles before us our work and duty is to be teachers of the gospel of Christ. It has been well said we are "God's hands and feet" in taking the gospel of Christ to the lost sinner. Christians must plant the seed into the hearts of honest hearers and God will give us the increase, 1 Corinthians 3:6-8.

The Knowledge of Christ. "Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." {Philippians 3:8} Why is knowledge so important to the work of Christ? How can we teach what we don't know? "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." {Hebrews 5:12-14}

Yes, God's people have things He desires for us to accomplish with the abilities He gave us. Each one of us have talents that we've been blessed with to use in bringing glory and honor to our Savior and King. Dear reader, what have you accomplished? ***