

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*  
Lesson 6 — Paul’s Dilemma-To Live or Die? — Philippians 1:22-26

1. (a) Read Philippians chapter one and make note of the ways in which Paul dies to himself and lives for the sake of Christ and others. (b) Do these ways describe your life?
  
2. Memorize Philippians 1:23 & 24
  
3. (a) According to II Corinthians 5:1-10, what attitudes should a Christian possess regarding their earthly tabernacle (their body) and their heavenly tabernacle? (b) What should a Christian be doing while waiting to go to their heavenly home? (c) How can we as Christians improve on our earthly journey in order to please the Lord?
  
4. Read Psalm 55. (a) What are the reasons that David wanted to “escape” this life? (b) How does this compare to the apostle Paul’s reasons for wanting to leave this life in Philippians 1:20-26? (c) How do you know from Psalm 55 that David accepted his circumstances? (d) How do you know from the Philippians passage that Paul accepted his circumstances? (e) What principles can you glean for yourself from these passages regarding living and dying?
  
5. Read the following verses and list all the benefits of departing this life to be with the Lord: Psalm 16:11; Psalm 17:15; Matthew 8:11; Luke 16:25; John 17:24; I Corinthians 13:12; II Corinthians 5:8. (b) What are some of the reasons you would like to depart and be with Christ?
  
6. (a) Make a list of the things that bring you joy? (b) How do they compare with Paul’s list in Philippians chapter one?
  
7. Recall a time (if there has been one) when your desire to depart and be with Christ was not from pure motives? What did you learn from that experience? What did you learn about accepting the Sovereign will of God in your life?
  
8. What has God the Holy Spirit convicted you of as you have studied this lesson? Write your thoughts in the form of a prayer request.