

Questions for Consideration—*With the Master In Fullness of Joy*
Lesson 7 — Standing, Striving and Suffering — Philippians 1:27-30

1. Read Philippians chapter one and note one new truth you have learned in this chapter as well as one change you are making as a result of studying this chapter.

2. Memorize Philippians 1:29

3. (a) In Colossians 1:24, what do you think Paul meant when he said that in his sufferings he would “fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church.”? (b) How do our sufferings “fill up” that which is lacking in Christ’s afflictions?

4. (a) According to Psalm 119:67, 71; II Corinthians 4:17, 18; II Timothy 2:12; James 1:2-4; and I Peter 5:10, what purpose does suffering serve? (b) How should you respond to suffering?

5. Hebrews 5:8 says that Jesus learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (a) List at list five ways in which He suffered while He was here on this earth. Please note the Biblical reference as well. (b) How do you think His suffering taught Him obedience? (c) In what ways does your suffering teach you obedience?

6. (a) How are you conducting yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel? (b) What areas need some adjusting? (c) In what ways do we as believers stand fast and strive together for the faith of the gospel? (d) How can the church of Jesus Christ improve?

7. (a) Share a time when you suffered for Christ’s sake. (b) Did you rejoice? (c) How were you blessed?

8. After considering that we must stand fast, strive together for the gospel and suffer for the sake of Christ, what is your prayer need? Please write it down for the purpose of prayer.