

**“Paul’s Destiny”**

***Philippians 1:15-18***

***John 13:36ff***

**But God, who is known for making great-tasting lemonade out of lemons, can over-ride even evil motives to advance His plan.**

**People come and people go and it’s never the man, but the message of God that counts. Paul endured unjust accusations which come to all believers that follow Jesus Christ faithfully.**

**Paul is more upset when the Gospel is distorted than he is when the true Gospel is proclaimed even with wrong motives.**

**The will of God for the believer in time is maturity adjustment to the justice of God.**

**The destiny of man is not to work for God, but for God to work for him.**

***In this, the work of God for man reaches its peak of grace which glorifies TLJC.***

**The more biblical truth you know, the more you understand what the will of God is at any point in your life.**

**Divine guidance is *impossible* in your life to the extent that you reject the daily intake of the Word.**

**It’s just like the arrogant busybody to get it completely wrong as Paul was imprisoned for his faithfulness and not lack thereof!**

**Inordinate competition is a sign of pride, jealousy and insecurity.**

**The believer must learn to identify the arrogant rebel and his games and separate from him, for only in isolation does the non-legitimate competitor wake up to his need for truth.**

**Maturity, the goal of the Christian’s life, is achieved through steadfastness in the plan of God, where the believer acquires capacity for life, love, happiness and for ‘greater grace’ beyond God’s faithful sustenance of all believers.**

**In spiritual maturity, the believer recognizes the giver, God Himself, in every gift received.**

**Vanity is empty pride which has no attainments, but has an excessive desire for attention, approval and praise from others.**

**Pride is the most basic of all sins.**

**All false motivation is related to pride.**

**Arrogance assumes divine prerogatives.**

**God’s design for His royal family is a life without pride or emotional hang-ups.**

**These mental attitude sins combine with resistance to the Word to produce evil and false motivation in the soul.**

**For Paul, being properly motivated is not the point; the fact is that Jesus Christ is proclaimed.**

**Paul ignores the false motivation and finds happiness in the fact that Christ is being proclaimed to the citizens of Rome.**

**Paul’s ministry and happiness will both continue, since they don’t depend on what others do.**

