

Proverbs

**3:18** Neglect discipline and you will reap poverty and shame!  
**Take reproof** to heart and you will **be honored**.

## Day 13

## Sing to God!

## Because He Lives

## God's Word for the Day!


## Philippians 2:12-18

## Key Thought!

## Psalm 43

Strive to **prove your faith** to yourself and others.

**Respect** and **fear** God enough to **please** God.

<b>Praise</b>	(song in my heart to God)	
<b>Word</b>	(today's scripture text)	
<b>Prayer</b>	( <b>Specific</b> , as guided below)	
<b>Reflection</b>	(what I did or not yesterday)	
<b>Commitment</b>	(what I hope to do today)	

n prayer, be:    Serene    Selfless    Short    Simple    Sincere

Include: Praise Confession **Intercession** Petition Meditation

Praise: (thanksgiving for God's blessings)  
God's presence, Trinity, Forgiveness, **Salvation**, Patience  
Spouse, Children, Home, **Job**, Extended Family, Friends

**Commissions**

**Intercession:** (asking God to work in the lives of others)  
**Family** Friends Business Assoc Ministers Missions

Petition: (asking God to do something in me)

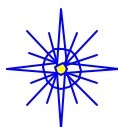
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Meditation: (be still before the Lord, think about...)

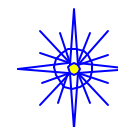
**Gracie, my pet bird, rolling on her back and screeching with delight!**

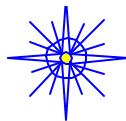
Commitment: (what I hope to do today)

**To share my personal testimony with one person.**



For: Day 13

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## Psalm 43

God, I fervently request that you vindicate me when I am wrongfully accused. Make it clear to those around me who choose to live ungodly lives that You are not pleased with such behaviors.

God, You provide a place of safety and a supply of strength for me. Even when I feel rejected by God it is because of my perception of God or my sense of guilt that I feel this way.

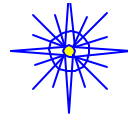
God will send His truth and directives to guide me. As a matter of fact, God has very clearly laid out His expectations and guidelines for me in His Word. All I have to do is read it. Pick it up and read it. The bible does me no good when it is closed and on a shelf.

My greatest joy and delight is to go directly to God with my circumstances and my wishes. Confession itself is all about talking to God about what I am doing, feeling, and wanting. If we do not ask, God cannot answer! Tell God what you want and need!

I can turn even my bad days into good ones by putting my hope in God. Better yet, my spirit will literally soar when I spend much time praising and worshiping my God! Praise the Lord!

1 Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men. 2 You are God my stronghold. Why have you rejected me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy? 3 Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. 4 Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. 5 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

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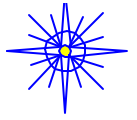
## Philippians 2:12-18

It seems so natural to be doing the right things and acting in a manner pleasing to the Lord while we are in the presence of other believers, especially our spiritual mentors and leaders. However, it is also quite natural to slip away from actions and attitudes that are holy and right when there is no one watching us. Yet, it is most important for us to be faithful to God and our belief about Him and His plan for us when we are alone and accountable only to ourselves and God. This is the true testimony to the world that salvation is for real!

We must strive to prove our faith not only to others but also to ourselves. Many times it takes effort to do this. If we have a healthy **respect for** and even a **fear of** God, we are far more likely to behave in a manner pleasing to Him.

Now, all the work is not our own. God does not leave us to our own devices. God has committed to being there for us and giving us the strength to live according to His expectations of us. God even changes our "wants" to be consistent with the life He prefers us to live.

If I am having difficulty achieving victory in some area of my life, I need simply to confess it to God. Confession leads to repentance and repentance to restoration. **BY GOD'S POWER!**

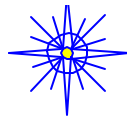


**12 My dear friends, you have always obeyed God when I was with you. It is even more important that you obey now while I am away from you. Keep on working to complete your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 because God is working in you to help you want to do and be able to do what pleases him.**

14 Do everything without complaining or arguing.

15 Then you will be innocent and without any wrong. You will be God's children without fault. But you are living with crooked and mean people all around you, among whom you shine like stars in the dark world. 16 You offer the teaching that gives life. So when Christ comes again, I can be happy because my work was not wasted. I ran the race and won.

17 Your faith makes you offer your lives as a sacrifice in serving God. If I have to offer my own blood with your sacrifice, I will be happy and full of joy with all of you. 18 You also should be happy and full of joy with me.



18 Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, But he who regards reproof will be honored. (NNAS)

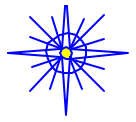
18 A person who refuses correction will end up poor and disgraced, but the one who accepts correction will be honored. (NCV)

18 He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored. (NIV)

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured. (KJV)

18 If you refuse criticism, you will end in poverty and disgrace; if you accept criticism, you are on the road to fame. (TLB)

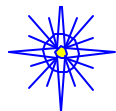
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1 A wise son accepts his father's discipline, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. 2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he enjoys good, But the desire of the treacherous is violence. 3 The one who guards his mouth preserves his life; The one who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. 4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, But the soul of the diligent is made fat. 5 A righteous man hates falsehood, But a wicked man acts disgustingly and shamefully. 6 Righteousness guards the one whose way is blameless, But wickedness subverts the sinner. 7 There is one who pretends to be rich, but has nothing; Another pretends to be poor, but has great wealth. 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor hears no rebuke. 9 The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked goes out. 10 Through presumption comes nothing but strife, But with those who receive counsel is wisdom. 11 Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles, But the one who gathers by labor increases it. 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life. 13 The one who despises the word will be in debt to it, But the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded. 14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn aside from the snares of death. 15 Good understanding produces favor, But the way of the treacherous is hard. 16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool displays folly. 17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity, But a faithful envoy brings healing. 18 Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, But he who regards reproof will be honored. 19 Desire realized is sweet to the soul, But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil. 20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm. 21 Adversity pursues sinners, But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity. 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. 23 Abundant food is in the fallow ground of the poor, But it is swept away by injustice. 24 He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently. 25 The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, But the stomach of the wicked is in want.

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- ; Reflect on the wisdom of Solomon
  - Read the selected verse(s) from multiple versions
  - Remember the highlighted words
- ; Sing to the Lord (if you can't sing, read and reflect)
- ; Read God's Word
  - Psalm for today
  - Proverb for today
  - Bible study passage for today
- ; Focus for a moment on the "key thought"
  - Remember the highlighted words
- ; Pray very specifically
  - In prayer be: (in an appropriate attitude)
  - Include: (focus on certain aspects of prayer)
  - [ Praise God for His work in your behalf
  - \ Confess your wrong doings and not doings
  - Y Intercede for the needs of others
  - Z Petition God for yourself
  - ± Meditate about God's creativity
  - \_ Commit to God to do something specific

God sent His son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
because He lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know, I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living, just because HE lives.

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And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

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