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### Philippians 2:9-11

When Christ has first place in our lives, we will experience many blessings. These include . . .

**A quiet spirit.** As we turn our attention to the Lord and meditate on His Word, He “leads [us] beside quiet waters,” where we find rest for our souls ([Ps. 23:2](#)). The Holy Spirit will help us shut out the noise of worldly distractions so He can provide assurance of our Father’s love and support. With a quieted heart and mind, we will be able to discern what God is saying to us.

**A stronger faith.** Studying Scripture will enlarge our view of God and give us insight and direction. Reading how the Lord has helped others, we will gain confidence that He is at our side, enabling us to meet life’s demands. Our faith will grow as we follow His direction and watch how He works on our behalf.

**A purified heart.** Like a mirror, the Bible reflects back to us who we truly are and reveals where we need to change. When we confess our sin, God promises to cleanse us from all unrighteousness ([1 John 1:9](#)).

**A prepared mind.** We don’t know what’s in our tomorrows, but God does. He wants to prepare us for the future—both the joyous times and the hard ones. Through the Holy Spirit’s ministry, we will be equipped for whatever life brings ([2 Pet. 1:3](#)).

Paul’s life demonstrates what it means to give Jesus first place. Because the apostle made Christ the Lord of his life ([Gal. 2:20](#)), he knew joy amid trials and received the strength to face turmoil and difficulty. These blessings will also be ours when we give highest priority to our relationship with Jesus.

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