
Everyday Christianity
"The Ups And Downs Of Life"
Philippians 4:10-13

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Introduction: We are focused on the goal of having an everyday kind of Christianity. The reality is, there isn't any other kind.

1. Christianity isn't a religion, it's a personal relationship with Christ that extends beyond Sunday mornings or weekly Bible studies.
2. If we don't live an everyday Christianity, we open ourselves and all of Christianity to the accusation of hypocrisy.
3. This morning in our quest we'll focus on how to deal with life's ups and downs.
4. We live in a broken world, so life's downs are inevitable. But not everything is negative, we also have seasons of success.
5. Knowing how to respond to these moments is critical if we will represent Christ well.
6. With that in mind, we'll look to Paul as a role model of everyday Christianity.
 - He experienced both adversity and advantage.
 - He handled both successfully, so he can be our guide.

I. Success Is Not Circumstantial

- A. Setbacks Are Normal
- B. Success Is A Process
- C. Reject Defeatism And Pride
- D. Focus On Contentment

II. Success Is Tied To Christ

- A. His Provision
- B. What It Means

Conclusion: We have all experienced the ups and downs of life.

1. None of us has handled them perfectly.
2. Our goal should be progress.
3. No matter what we face, whether good or bad, success or failure, respond to it as Christ would to the best of your ability.
4. If we do that every day, we will get better, and Christ will be honored in our lives.