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To Those Who Want to Be Counted Among The Stars

1. Your Challenge

Philippians 2:12, NLT - ¹² *Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.*

2. Your Companion

Philippians 2:13, NLT - ¹³ *For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

3. Your Command

Philippians 2:14, NLT - ¹⁴ *Do everything without complaining and arguing...*

Complaining about our lot in life might seem quite innocent in itself, but God takes it personally.... Murmuring and complaining unfits the soul for duty” - Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer

- Complaining denies God’s sovereignty
- Complaining disrupts unity
- Complaining discredits our testimony

4. Your Characteristics

Philippians 2:15, NIV - ¹⁵ *so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe...*

Blameless—no accusation can stand

Pure—free of any contamination

Faultless—fit to be offered to God.

5. Your Comfort

Philippians 2:15, NIV - ¹⁶ *as you hold out the word of life—*

Philippians 2:16, GW - ¹⁶ *....hold firmly to the word of life...*

6. Your Confidence

Philippians 2:16b, NIV - ¹⁶ *...—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.*

7. Your Commitment

Philippians 2:17, NIV84 - ¹⁷ *But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.*