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- **Purpose:** Thanks & Encouragement
- **Audience:** Roman Gentiles, Diverse
- **Author:** Paul (Timothy, Epaphroditus, Luke)

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 - **Soldiers/Retired Soldiers; Govt. Officials** (loyalists)
 - **Many Greeks** —Macedonians/locals/native to area)
 - **Few Jews** — <10 Jewish men; group of women
 - **Large Slave Population** (to serve the powerful/influential)
 - **Commercial Hub** —Traders, merchants, travelers
 - on the **Via Egnatia**, a major Roman Road connecting the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean Sea
- >>> Location! Location! Location! <<<**

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“manner of life” = *πολιτεύεσθε* (v; *po-li-TEU-o-mai*)

To live as a citizen, to conduct oneself

Philippians 3:20

But our **citizenship** is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

ΦΙΛΙΠΠΗΣΙΟΥΣ 3:20

Ἡμῶν γὰρ τὸ **πολίτευμα**
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ἀπεκδεχόμεθα Κύριον
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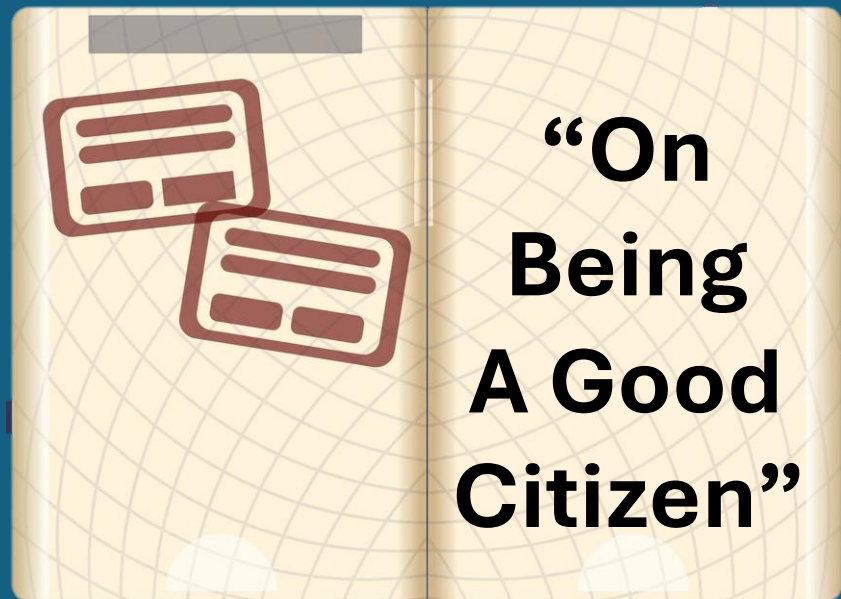
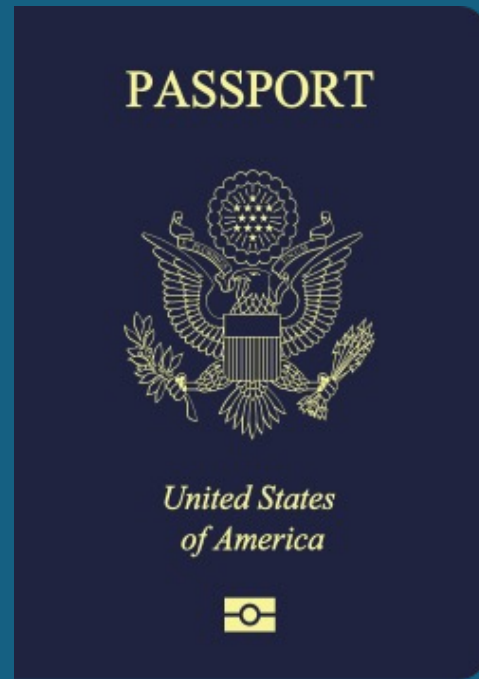
“citizenship” = **πολίτευμα** (n; *po-LEE-tyoo-mah*)
a form of government, citizenship

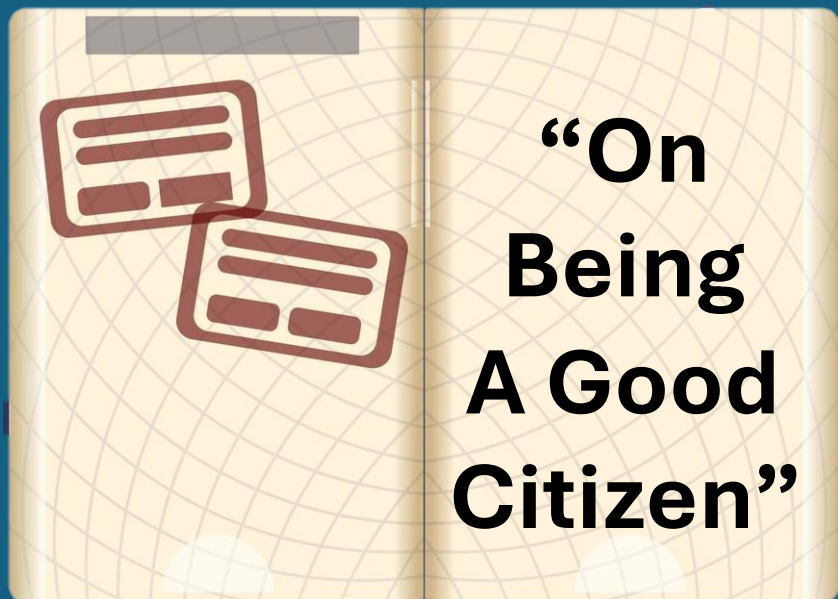
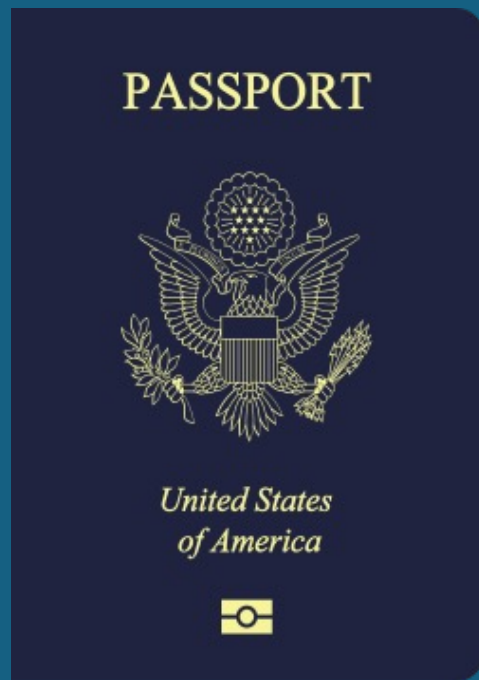
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**“On
Being
A Good
Citizen”**



Prayer



Satisfaction



Service



Prayer

**“Communication
is the key to any
relationship,
allowing for...**

- **Receiving instruction**
- **Expressing self/Response**
- **Confidence for action**

I. Paul's Prayer

Philippians 1

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
⁴ **always** in every prayer of mine for you all
making my prayer **with joy**, ⁵ because of your
partnership in the gospel ...

⁶ And **I am sure of this**, that he who began a
good work in you will **bring it to completion** ...

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all,
because I hold you in my heart, for you are all
partakers with me of grace,

I. Paul's Prayer

Philippians 1

⁹ And it is my prayer
that your love may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment,
¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent,
and so be pure & blameless for the day of Christ,
¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.



Prayer

Paul Prays:

- Always
- With joy
- B/c partners in Gospel
- Confident in God's active involvement

Paul's Requests:

1. Increased LOVE
2. Greater knowledge
3. Deeper wisdom
4. Ability to notice best
5. Keeping your hearts pure and blameless
6. Producing right acts
7. Through Jesus
8. Praising God

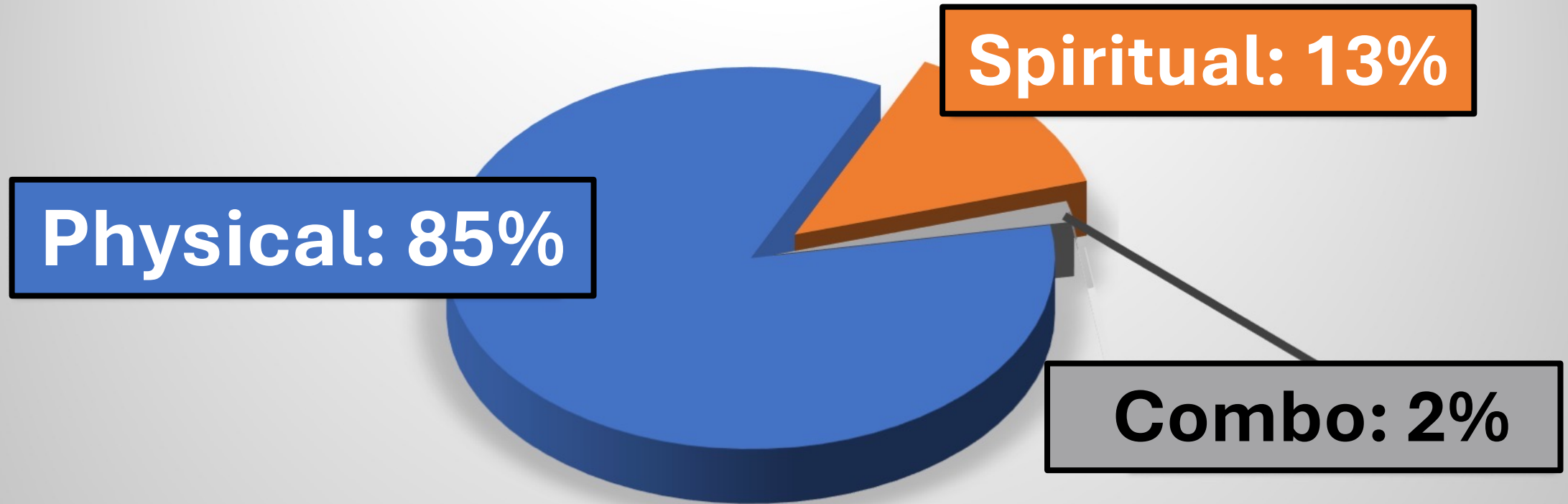
All Spiritual
Paul tells,

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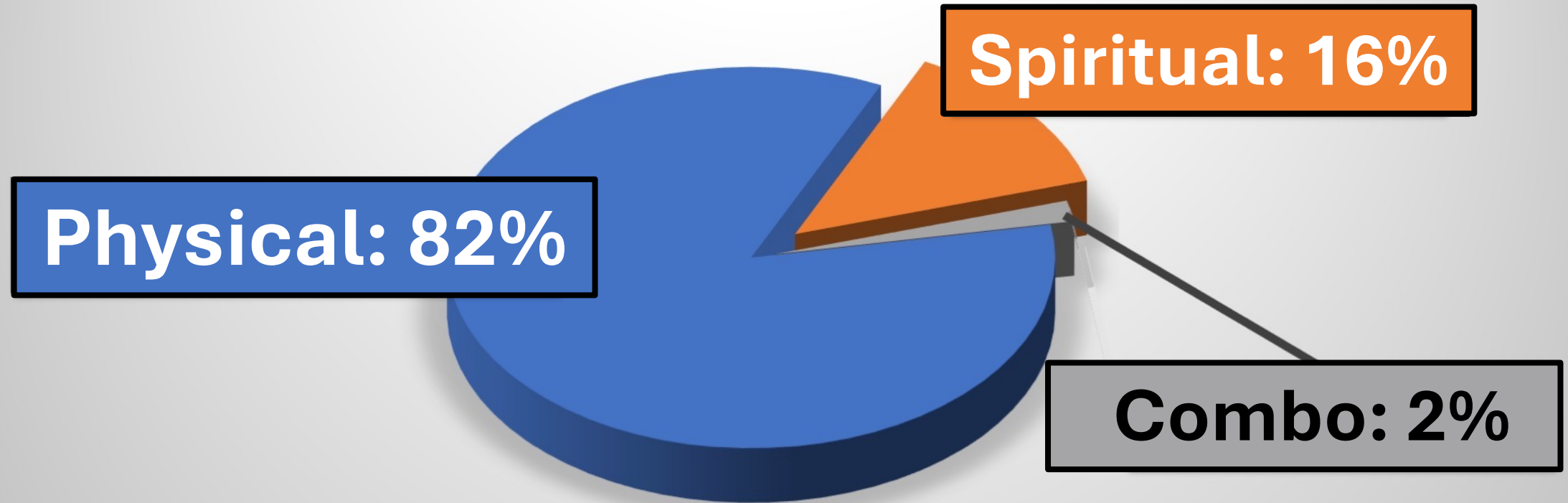


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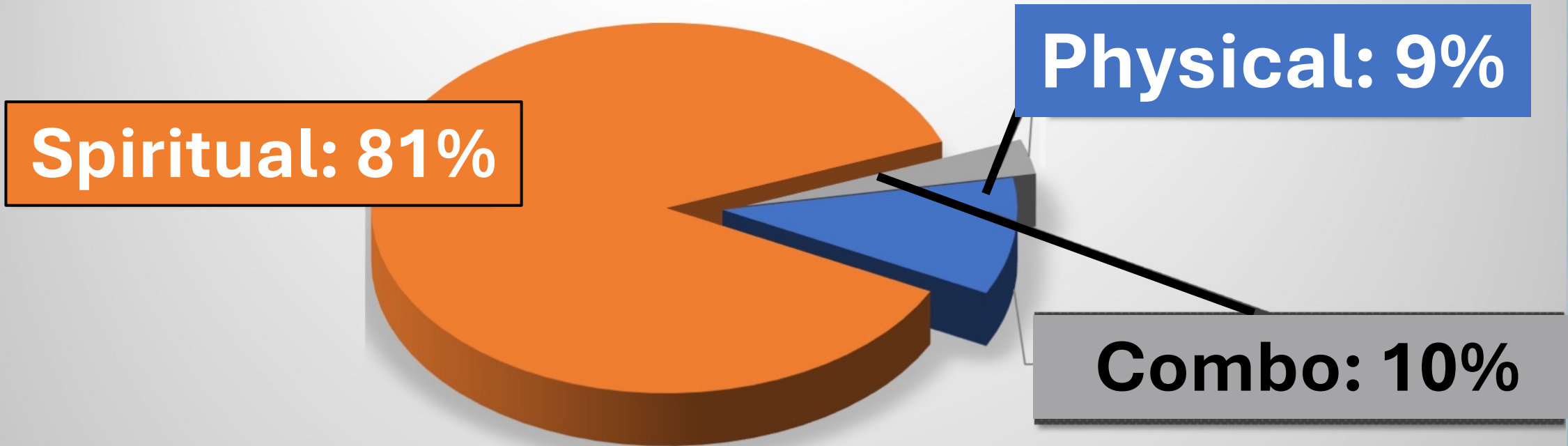
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In the BIBLE

Prayer Requests in the Bible



**Paul then gives an account of what's been going on,
and in it we see some answered prayers.**

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

~Philippians 1:12-18

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**¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry,
but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of
love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of
the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of
selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict
me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in
every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is
proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. ~Philippians 1:15-18**



Prayer

***While Paul prays,
God is at work
completing
what God started...***

~Philippians 1:6

cf. "Alpha and Omega..."

Paul's Answers:

Discerning the excellent:

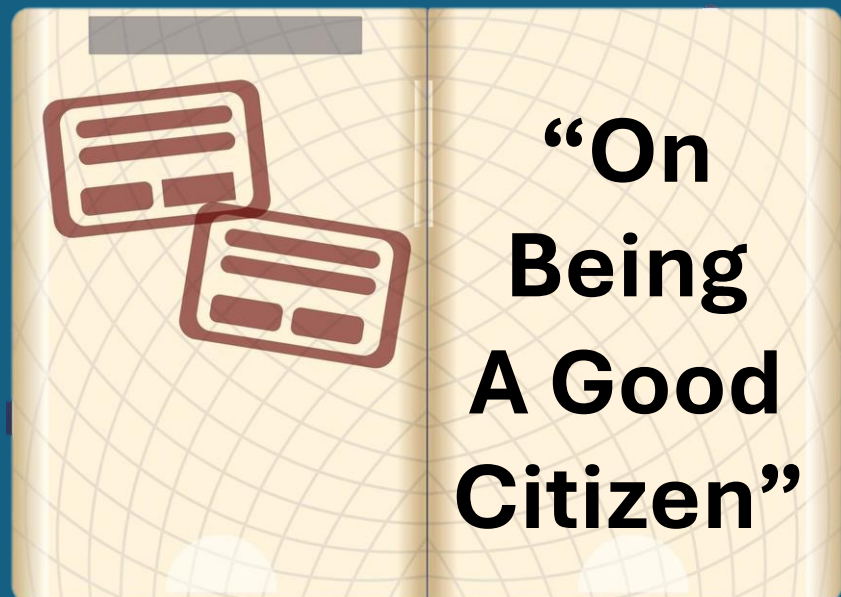
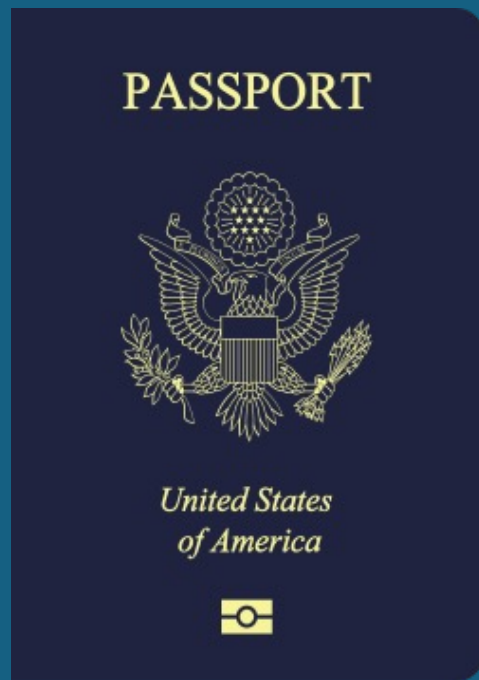
- No relief/pain & problems
- God's working all for good

Fruit being Produced:

- Gospel presented in Rome
- Confidence growing

Being pure and blameless:

- Paul not bothered
- Paul giving glory to God



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Satisfaction

II. Paul's Satisfaction

Philippians 1

¹⁸ Yes, and I will rejoice,
¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers
and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ
this will turn out for my deliverance,
²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I
will not be at all ashamed, but that with full
courage, now as always, Christ will be honored
in my body, whether by life or by death.
²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:20

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ΦΙΛΙΠΠΗΣΙΟΥΣ 1:20

κατὰ τὴν ἀποκαραδοκίαν
καὶ ἐλπίδα μου ὅτι ἐν
οὐδενὶ αἰσχυνθήσομαι
ἀλλ' ἐν πάσῃ παρρησίᾳ
ὥς πάντοτε καὶ νῦν
μεγαλυνθήσεται Χριστὸς

“To magnify, exalt” = **μεγαλύνω** (v; meg-al-OO'-no)
to make or declare great, enlarge

II. Paul's Satisfaction

Philippians 1

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²² If I am to live in the flesh,
that means fruitful labor for me.

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

²³ I am hard pressed between the two.

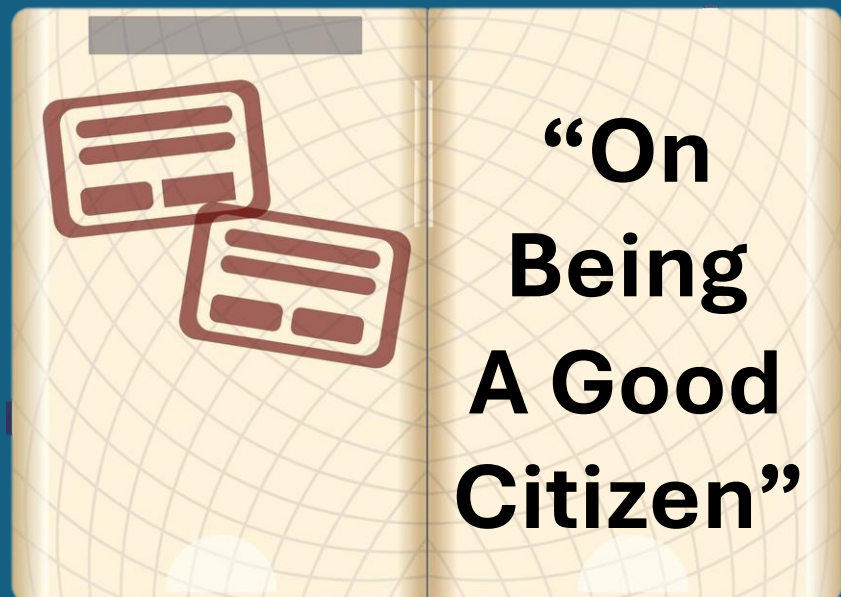
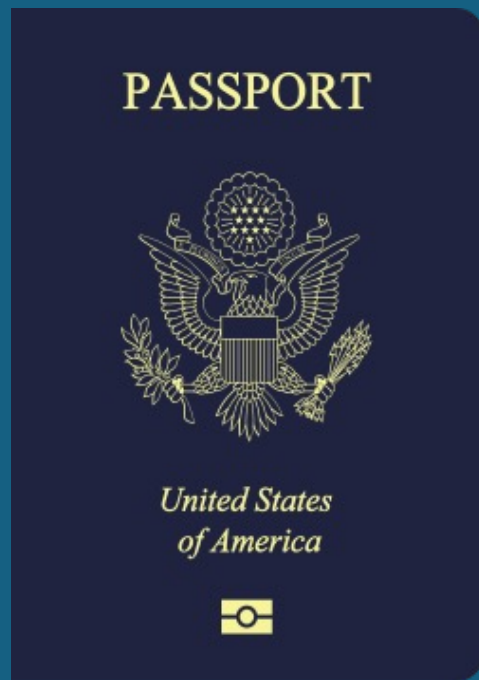
My desire is to depart and be with Christ,
for that is far better.

²⁴ But to remain in the flesh
is more necessary on your account.

II. Paul's Satisfaction

Philippians 1

²⁵ Convinced of this,
I know that I will remain and continue with you all,
for your progress and joy in the faith,
²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause
to glory in Christ Jesus,
because of my coming to you again.



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III. Paul's Service

Philippians 1

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

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“only” = **μόνον** (adv; *MOH-non*)
alone, but, only, just this one thing

Jesus' Prayer

John 17

¹ When Jesus had spoken these words,
he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
⁴ "I glorified you on earth, having done the
work that you gave me to do.

⁹ I am praying for them.

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which
you have given me, that they may be one,
even as we are one.

~Jesus

Jesus' Prayer

John 17

¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁵ I don't ask to take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

~Jesus

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²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,
²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

¹⁶ Her [Zion; the place God chose to dwell]
priests **I will clothe with salvation,**
and her saints will shout for joy.

¹⁷ There I will make a horn
to sprout for David;

I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.

¹⁸ His enemies **I will clothe with shame,**
but on him his crown will shine.” ~God

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²⁹ For it has been **granted** to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only **believe** in him, but also **suffer** for his sake,

³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you **saw** I had and now **hear** that I still have.

Striving for the Gospel

1 Peter 3

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;...

~Peter

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

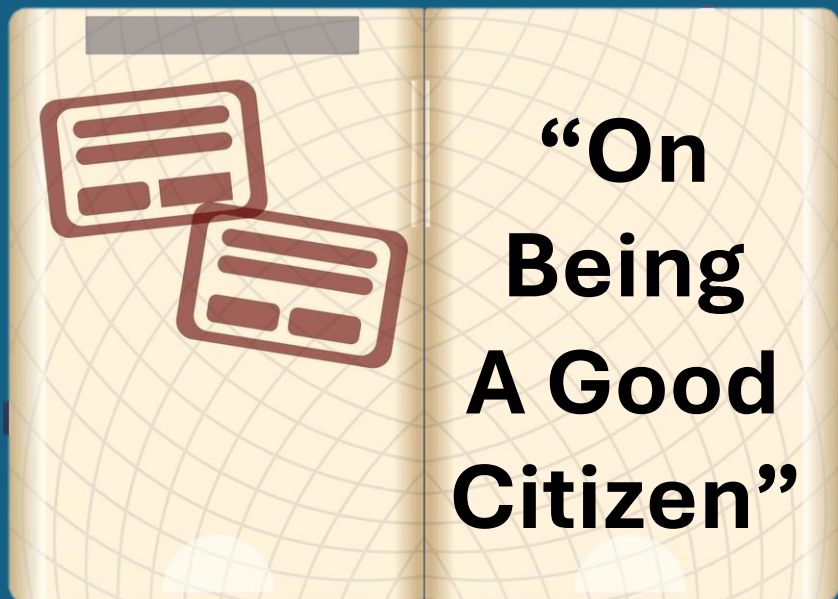
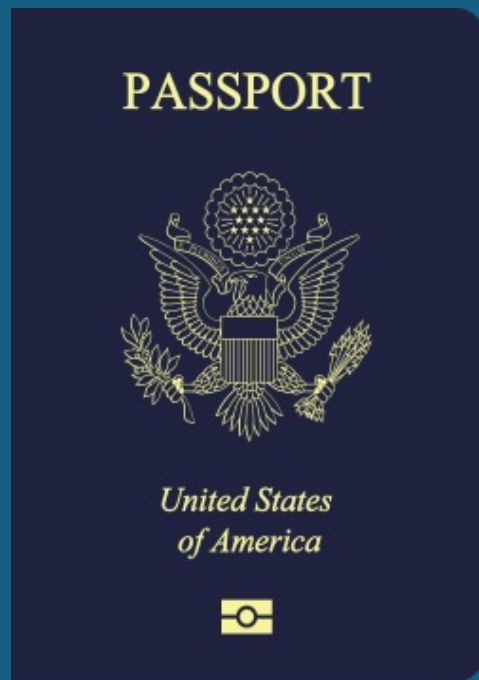
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets
who were before you. ~Jesus

³³ I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.

In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart;
I have overcome the world.”

~Jesus



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Points for Home



1. Pray



**2. Satisfied
with Jesus?**



3. Serve

Be a good citizen...

**Have the
knowledge and wisdom
to discern the excellent!**

**Are you happy with God's
excellent plan/mission?**

**Stand in persecution, unity;
give a defense, and
strive/fight**

Paul puts it like this!

“Should I Stay or Should I Go?”

I'm torn between the sky and ground,
To leave or stay and stick around.
To be with Christ would be far better,
But there's more fruit if I write one letter.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Should I stay or should I go now?

If I stay, I help you grow now.

If I go, I'm with the Lord now.

Either way, I'm in His will—wow—wow!

So come on and let me know...

Should I stay or should I go?

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To live is Christ, to die is gain,
But to remain would not be vain.
Your faith and joy are on the rise,
So for your sake, I'll sacrifice.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

He's got my life in His control,
And heaven's pulling on my soul.
But if my labor brings you grace,
Then I will gladly run this race.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Should I stay or should I go now?

If I stay, there's more to sow now.

If I go, I'm heaven-bound now.

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