

## Phil 2:12-18 mws

### v. 12

κατεργάζεσθε            PdepImp2pl            fr. κατεργαζομαι  
bring about, produce, create, work out something  
do something with success, bring about an effect/result

ὑπηκούσατε            AAI2pl            fr. ὑπακουω  
obey, follow, be subject to  
obey on the basis of having paid attention to

φόβου  
fear, reverence, respect to God & Christ

τρόμου  
trembling, quaking with the implication of fear and/or consternation

### v. 13

ἐνεργῶν            PAPtcpMSN            fr. ενεργεω  
work, operate, be effective, produce action, bring about something, active as opposed to  
passive, effective as opposed to ineffective

θέλειν            PAInf            fr. θελω  
wish, will, resolve to do

ἐνεργεῖν            PAInf            fr. ενεργεω  
see above, “He produces the will and the action.”

εὐδοκίας  
goodwill, “above and beyond good will” or “in His (Gods’) goodwill”, God’s purpose,  
resolve, and choice, “for His own chosen purpose.”, This is probably the best  
translation, for God has chosen the believers and continues to work in them, so that His  
elective purpose also reaches its goal. The passage brings together the sovereignty of  
God and the responsibility of man. Cf. Carson commentary.

### v. 14

γογγυσμῶν  
utterance made in a low tone of voice (the context indicates whether the utterance is one  
of discontent or satisfaction), behind-the-scenes talk.—Negative aspect: complaint,  
displeasure, expressed in murmuring expression of discontent, grumbling

διαλογισμῶν  
verbal exchange that takes place when conflicting ideas are expressed, dispute, argument  
about differences of opinion

## v. 15

ἄμεμπτοι

blameless, faultless, innocent, guiltless, opposite of giving/having reason for complaint

ἀκέραιοι

unmixed, fig. pure, innocent, no mixture of evil

ἄμωμα

without fault and therefore morally blameless

μέσον

middle, in the middle/center, in the midst

σκολιάς

morally bent, twisted, crooked, unscrupulous, dishonest

διεστραμμένης

PfPPtcpFSG

fr. διαστρεφω

to cause to depart from an accepted standard of spiritual values, make crooked, pervert  
depart from correct behavior and engage in serious wrongdoing, lead astray

φαίνεσθε

PM/PI2pl or PM/PImp2pl

fr. φαίνω

to shine, fig. as stars, be recognized, be revealed, to make the impression, in this context  
– to stand out in a noticeable way

φωστήρες

light-giving body, star

## v. 16

ἐπέχοντες

PAPtcpMPN

fr. ἐπέχω

maintain a grasp on something, hold fast, hold firmly to a particular belief, fix attention  
on, possibly “to offer, hold out”

καύχημα

boast, take pride – “as my pride and joy.”

Basis for one’s feeling of legitimate pride, reason for being proud

κενὸν

being without purpose or result, in vain, empty

ἔδραμον

AAI1sg

fr. τρέχω

to make an effort to advance spiritually, exert oneself, make progress in behavior and  
conduct

ἐκοπίασα                      AAI1sg                      fr. κοπιαω  
to exert oneself, work hard, toil, strive, struggle, engage in hard work, implying  
difficulties and trouble

## v.17

σπένδομαι                      PPI1sg                      fr. σπενδω  
offer a libation/drink offering, to be offered up as particular offering as an act of worship

θυσία  
that which is offered as a sacrifice, offering, fig. that which is given to God to please Him

λειτουργία  
service of formal or ritual type, service to God, sacrificial service, performing religious  
duties

χαίρω                      PAI1sg                      fr. χαιρω  
be in a state of happiness, rejoice, be glad

συγχαίρω                      PAI1sg                      fr. συγχαιρω  
to experience joy in conjunction with someone, rejoice with, enjoy with

## v. 18

τὸ αὐτὸ  
pertaining to something that is identical with or closely related to something, the same  
cf. 1:30, 2:2, 3:1, 4:2