

1 **TIME TO MAKE THE DONUTS**

Philippians 2:12-18

2 **DON'T GRUMBLE, REJOICE**

- Rejoice: To feel or show great joy or delight
- Joy: A feeling of great pleasure and happiness
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Rejoicing doesn't come as a product of not grumbling. Not grumbling is a natural result of rejoicing or being joyful.

3 **EXPRESSION OF JOY**

- A lack of joy is to be expected of the world
 - What of this world brings true joy?
- Actually, the search for it leads people to all sorts of things to give them a happiness fix
 - Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
 - Seeking pleasure doesn't satisfy
- Genuine, lasting joy/rejoicing is a result of being restored to relationship with God.
 - Fruit of the Spirit
 - John 15:11 (your joy full by abiding in Him)
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13
 - Fearing the Lord and keeping His commands is the fulfillment of man
 - Delight yourself in the Lord (Ps 37:4)
- Paul's joy was not tied to his circumstances or his belongings (1:18, etc.). That's why he was able to rejoice in a prison
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4 **WHAT STOPS US FROM REJOICING?
HOW DOES JOY ESCAPE US?**

- Unrepented of sin (Ps 51:12) (Ps 32:3-4; 5, 11)
- Conformity to the world. Taking on its flavor. Maybe buying into the lie that what we do here is unimportant. Maybe taking our focus off of the Savior, while other things come into sharper focus: things that bring temporary satisfaction, or things that threaten.

5 **RESULT**

Shine as lights in the world;

In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Among a people that are so longing for real satisfaction...who are only experiencing fleeting moments of temporary satisfaction.

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