

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD
Message #2 "The View from Here"
Philippians Survey
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*"Seeing isn't believing, believing is seeing."
Judy in the movie "The Santa Clause"*

Our View Determines What We See

1. We tend to look at people through our _____

2. We tend to look at people through our _____

3. We tend to look at people through our _____
eyes.

4. We tend to look at people based on our _____

PAUL HAD EXTRAORDINARY VISION

1. **YOU choose your view** _____. Phil. 1:1
"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus..."

Servant = _____

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Phil. 3:12-16 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained."

2. **YOU choose your view** _____. Phil 1:1-7

"Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus."

—Some are others focused but are always _____

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"Paul and Timothy, slaves by choice of Christ Jesus, to all those who struggle with sin nature, absolutely unworthy of the cross, but are believers (although often wavering) that live in Philippi (which is really a very dirty town), together with the overseers and deacons (who are supposed to oversee the church and make sure that the church acts like a church, but don't do it nearly like I would if I were there). I bring words of correction and rebuke from our God who is righteously just and will demonstrate wrath and our Lord Jesus Christ who died for depraved humanity in whom there is nothing good. I pray for you often, (boy do I pray for you often) that God would forgive your many shortcomings, because boy do you need it. When I pray for you, I thank God for your efforts to be partners in the gospel, although it would be nice if you could maybe pick it up a bit. I mean really, I'm sitting here in jail, I am constantly in difficulty, I barely have enough to eat. And I pray for you with great concern. I am really glad that I'm not God, and that He is such a big God, because otherwise, I'm not sure you would make it." Philippians 1:1-6 (from a negative Paul)
*(**Disclaimer - any similarity to you or someone you know is purely coincidental)*

3. YOU choose your _____ . Phil. 2:19-24

"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. 20 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. 21 For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. 23 I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. 24 And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon."

Phil 1:3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15-18, 24, 26, 30 - - vs. 1:3 "you", vs. 4 "my prayers for you", vs. 6 "your growth", vs. 7 "you're in my heart", vs. 8 "I long for you", vs. 10 "your growth and wisdom", vs. 12 "advanced gospel to others", vs. 14 "for the boldness of brothers", vs. 15-18 "Christ preached", vs. 24 "necessary for you that I stay", vs. 26 "your joy remains", vs. 30 "I modeled for you"

A. People who tend to focus on themselves, tend to be very

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B. People who give of themselves are people who tend to

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4. YOU choose how you view the

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"I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."