

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Desire and Execution; Discontent

kai - “both.” When the conjunction is repeated in the same phrase, it is translated “both - and.” “Both” is followed by the present active infinitive of the verb: *thelo* - “indicates a wish or a desire and thus it has the connotation of motivation.”

The Holy Spirit’s power is the source of motivation for the believer to continue the spiritual cultivation of his soul. Once spiritual adulthood is reached there is the motivation to put the accumulation of doctrinal thought into action. present - Pictorial; presents to the mind the believer being placed under the pressure of outside adversity.

active - The Holy Spirit produces the action of motivating the believer to call up the problem-solving devices in order to deal with the circumstances.

infinitive - Intended result; all of the work done by the believer over the years and the energizing power of the Holy Spirit in motivating that advance has an intended result: a desire to reap the harvest under pressure.

Philippians 2:13 [CTL] - For it is the Holy Spirit who is at work in you both to motivate the desire ...”

When pressure comes there is no time for emotional revolt. Action cannot be put off because it is deemed inconvenient.

The emotional complex of sins will destroy the stability of the soul unless the believer is able to quickly orient and adjust to the circumstances.

Whatever happens is in the decrees and therefore there is a solution.

Adjustment to circumstances is found in the believer’s motivation to reap the harvest of his divine inventory.

Motivation to reap and the actual gathering of the harvest is found following the next *kai*, translated “and,” followed by another present active infinitive, this time of the verb: *energeo* - “to do; to execute; to produce.”

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Next, we have the ablative of the preposition: *huper* - “Indicates that which is above and beyond that which is in God’s good pleasure.” “Good pleasure” is the noun: *eudokia* - “good pleasure.” Indicates delight, acceptance, pleasure.

God’s good pleasure is always the same. His desire is that believers should advance to spiritual maturity.

We have classified this as the development of Christian integrity.

God’s pleasure is to see a believer utilize his spiritual assets to cultivate a maximum harvest of divine thought in his soul.

That believer goes above and beyond God’s good pleasure when he applies that information under pressure thus executing the Christian way of life.

God has taken this person from a lump of clay and molded that lump into a vessel of honor.

Or if you prefer the agricultural allegory, God cultivates the soil of the believer's soul into a manyfold harvest of doctrinal thoughts.

The believer who executes his inventory under pressure not only produces fruit, he lives the Christian way of life, and is recognized by God as a person of honor.

A believer who is motivated by the Holy Spirit to pursue the truth and then to apply that truth to experience is going to have great historical impact.

Thus, we see in Philippians 2:12 that the believers at Philippi are prepared to do battle in the Angelic Conflict.

They are reminded in Philippians 2:13 that the Holy Spirit is the One who provides the power to motivate their desire and execution under pressure.

The corrected translation now for Philippians 2:12 and Philippians 2:13:

Philippians 2:12 [CTL] - So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed my teachings [over the past 15 years], not only in my presence but now much more in my absence, [*katergazomai*] continue the willing cultivation of your streams of consciousness to the ultimate conclusion of harvesting [*soteria*] your own deliverance from danger and preservation from persecution, accompanied by reverence and respect.

Philippians 2:13 [CTL] - For it is the Holy Spirit who is at work in you both to motivate the desire and to execute above and beyond God's good pleasure.

Philippians 2:14 - Keep on doing all things without discontent and argumentations.

Philippians 2:14 anticipates that even mature believers crash and burn under the pressures of the Angelic Conflict.

For example, when believers realize how our nation's Constitution has been completely destroyed by unprincipled people, there is the desire to set things right through crusader arrogance.

Philippians 2:14 brings into view two words which reveal how rejection of human institutions and those in positions of authority occurs.

The verse says the Philippians are to continually submit to establishment authority and to orient to all human institutions. The way they maintain that attitude is to control their emotional sins.

The first of two key words is the ablative of separation from the noun: *gongusmos* - "murmurings;" we will translate it "discontent."

Arndt, William F. and F. Wilber Gingrich. Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, s.v. "discontent": displeasure expressed in murmuring

Vine, W. E. Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, s.v. "discontent": displeasure which is expressed "more privately than in public.

Liddell, Henry G. and Robert Scott. Greek-English Lexicon, s.v. "discontent": inclination to murmur

Kittel, Gerhard. Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, s.v. "discontent": dissatisfaction at disappointed expectations

So, what we have in the word *gongusmos* a mental attitude sin of discontent which is ultimately expressed in private verbal complaints to those who agree with you.

Such can be relatively harmless if it is contained in this context, rebound recovery is made, and orientation to authority motivates adjustment to circumstances.

If not, then the next level to which the sinful nature will take you is expressed in a second ablative of separation, this time from the noun: *dialogismos*.