

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Philippians 1:21-30

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am **to live in the flesh**, that means **fruitful labor** for me; and **I do not know which I prefer**. 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 for you. 25 **Since I am convinced of this**, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that **I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again**.

27 Only, **live your life in a manner worthy** of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are **standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind** for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them **this is evidence** of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Math - I, Body - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	To depart - <i>analousai</i> or to be loosed  To melt, to dissolve - the level of devotion Paul feels towards Jesus is that he is perfectly satisfied (and even longs) to be enveloped by his relationship.	This kind of devotion is usually reserved for fans: Bobby Soxers who swooned over Frank Sinatra or Beliebers those who are fans of Justin Bieber. See also <b>People</b>	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Vs. 28 - not being intimidated as a sign of destruction and salvation  Possessive pronoun in Greek is not present so who is destroyed and saved is kinda ambiguous	<a href="#">Bad sign</a>  <a href="#">Good sign</a>	Maps!

	Striving side by side = military objective in battle - a phalanx	<p>In and around <a href="#">Philippi</a>, a large number of former Roman army officers were given land grants and settled with their families. ~ <a href="#">Bruce K. Mohdal</a></p> <p>The language of “striving” would be familiar to Paul’s audience - both those who were veterans and those who were in contact with them.</p>	
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>MWD</p>	Vs. 28ff - in no way intimidated by your opponents	<p>One would think suffering would drive people away and if one is on the outside, it likely would. Paul is saying that the experience of suffering for Christ, while difficult, is also a lived-out testimony to the power he has in a believer’s life. What should crush an individual does not and acts as a beacon or signpost for outside witnesses.</p> <p><i>This is Logic/Math Smart when you name it as an apparent contradiction.</i></p> <p>For some mathematical examples of counterintuitive results, see <a href="#">this article</a>. #6, the Basel Problem, would work nicely. It is a statement that at first blush seems nonsensical but is easily proven. Also, #8, that there are different levels of infinities – some infinities are more infinite than others.</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic	Vs 27 <i>ath le o</i> (translated as striving)	Much more than simply sport; the sense that the	Play the mirror game! In pairs and as a whole

<p>D2</p>	<p>Where we get the word athlete</p>	<p>body and mind are fully engaged in an effort. If you are involved in some type of athletic endeavor, talk about what you do to “get in the zone” and how that feels in your body.</p> <p><a href="#">This article</a> describes a study of the physiology of “being in the zone” (from the article: <i>a state of “unselfconscious awareness, in which every individual action seems to be the right one”</i>), which in this instance means a synchrony of joint improvisation, as modeled using the mirror game. The key objective indicator that participants were in the zone was increased correlation of the their heart rates and increased motion intensity.</p> <p>D2 interpretation: They were literally closer to being of one heart.</p>	<p>congregation.  <i>Yes, we’ve suggested doing this before. Did you try it? If not, then why are you complaining? If you did, let us know how it went. If it went well, there may not be anything wrong with doing it again, especially given the article mentioned ← over here.</i></p>
<p>Musical</p>			
<p>Natural</p>	<p>Vs. 22 - fruitful labor</p> <p>Paul is happy to be working FOR the gospel and bearing fruit for it.</p>	<p>Gardening is not easy work; it takes effort and time and attention.</p>	<p>Bring in produce that has been grown in gardens and share it at fellowship or for a dinner.</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>		<p>Vs. 21-24 – by <a href="#">definition</a>, a win-win situation; or a no-lose situation; being between a pillow and a soft place</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs. 23 - desire to depart and be with Christ</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Stick around and keep at it</p>	<p>In the Ken Burns / Lynn Novick documentary on the Vietnam War, ep. 1, a man described being in a firefight where his platoon was ambushed by the Vietcong. After</p>	<p>Paul deeply desires to be with Jesus but knows there is still work to be done here, so he is torn.</p> <p>Have you ever considered your own life of faith in</p>

		<p>several of his troops were killed, he prayed, "God if anyone else has to die in our company today, let it be me. Please don't take any more of my men." Then he said, "Holy \$#!†! What am I saying? Can I take that prayer back?"</p>	<p>these terms?</p>
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