

Two Systems

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Grace-Based

Why Do I Do What I Do?

(Philippians 3:1-8)

Lighten Up, No. 13

Philippians 3:3-4 (NIV)

**For it is we who are the circumcision,
we who worship by the Spirit of God,
who glory in Christ Jesus, and who
put no confidence in the flesh—
4though I myself have reasons for
such confidence. If anyone else
thinks he has reasons to put
confidence in the flesh, I have more:**

Philippians 3:8 (NIV)

**What is more, I consider everything
a loss compared to the surpassing
greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whose sake I have lost all things.**

**I consider them rubbish,
that I may gain Christ**

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Philippians 3:2 (NIV)

**Watch out for those dogs,
those men who do evil,
those mutilators of the flesh.**

Philippians 3:5-6 (NIV)

**circumcised on the eighth day,
of the people of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrews;**

in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

**⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church;
as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.**

Philippians 3:7 (NIV)

**But whatever was to my profit
I now consider loss
for the sake of Christ.**

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1. Revel in God's grace.

2.

3.

Luke 23:42–43 (NIV)

Then he said,

**“Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.”**

⁴³Jesus answered him,

**“I tell you the truth,
today you will be with me in paradise.”**

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- 3. Build spiritual disciplines.**

I am your constant companion.

**I am your greatest helper
or your heaviest burden.**

**I will push you onward
or drag you down to failure.**

I am completely at your command.

**Half the things you do,
you might just as well turn over to me,
and I will be able to do them
quickly and correctly.
I am easily managed;
you must merely be firm with me.
Show me exactly how you want
something done, and after a few lessons
I will do it automatically.**

**I am the servant of all great men.
And, alas, of all failures as well.
Those who are great, I have made great.
Those who are failures,
I have made failures.**

**I am not a machine,
though I work with all the precision
of a machine.**

Plus, the intelligence of a man.

You may run me for profit,

or run me for ruin;

it makes no difference to me.

**Take me, train me, be firm with me
and I will put the world at your feet.
Be easy with me, and I will destroy you.
Who am I?**

I am a HABIT!