

***Philippians Chapter One***  
***Expanded Translation: Verses 20-26***

20. According to my intense concentration on doctrine and my resultant assurance that I would be disgraced in nothing, but in confidence of speech even now (time) as always (eternity) Christ will be exalted in my person, whether by life (continued advance in spiritual maturity) or by death (dying grace).
21. For to me living is Christ, and dying is gain (profit).
22. But since living in the flesh is Christ, this status of spiritual maturity will result in accomplishment (achievement, production) for me. Then I do not know what I myself would prefer (living or dying).
23. But I am hard pressed to make a preference (*choose*) between the two alternatives because I have the desire to strike my tent (*to break the thread of physical life*) and keep on being together with Christ, for this alternative is better by far.
24. But to remain with my body is more necessary for all of you.
25. And having come to this settled conviction based on Bible doctrine resident in my soul, I know that I shall remain here in this life, and continue my association with all of you for the purpose of your advance in spiritual maturity and your inner joy from the source of Bible doctrine.
26. That your confident boasting may abound (overflow) in Christ Jesus by means of me, through my face to face return to all of you.