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Philippians 2:14-16



*Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.*

Astronomy

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The stars on the front of this Visible Verse™ card were photographed by the Hubble telescope, an image only a science-fiction writer could have envisioned before this powerful telescope was carried into orbit in April 1990. This particular star system, known as LH 95, is located some 160,000 light-years from our watching eyes and thanks to the Hubble telescope, we are able to study them like never before. But we need only a dark, clear night to see the spectacular display of many of the stars comprising our Milky Way Galaxy. Each star is actually a sun, often many times larger than our own sun, and their light penetrates the darkest, coldest spans of space to reach our eyes from millions of miles away!

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*The Apostle Paul encourages us to be like those stars we see overhead. He challenges us to stand firm in the face of those difficult circumstances we encounter when we live our lives according to a biblical world view. The result of this stance is a life that displaces darkness, that lights up churches, homes, neighborhoods, offices, even car rides and prison cells. There is no place on Earth where the light of a life lived for Jesus Christ can not shine. Those who have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior are empowered by the Holy Spirit to selfless, humble behavior. This is how we shine like stars in an otherwise cold and dark universe.*

*May you be encouraged to be a light for Christ with every star you see!*



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