

**“And I am certain that God, who began
the good work within you, will continue
His work until it is finally finished on the
day when Christ Jesus returns.”**

Philippians 1:6 NLT

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**“THANK GOD FOR YOUR
FUTURE”**

**EXPECTANCY — WHAT IT
LOOKS AND SOUNDS LIKE**

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Pastor Stephan Kirby



The Power of Thanking God for What's Next

**We often thank God for what He's done,
but faith matures when we start thanking Him
for what He's about to do.**

**Gratitude for the future shifts our mindset
from fear to expectancy.**

“Expectancy is gratitude on its tiptoes.”

What Paul Was Saying in Philippians 1:6

- **Paul wrote these words while in prison — yet his faith was free.**
- **He reminds believers that God finishes what He starts.**
- **Expectancy isn't built on circumstances; it's built on confidence in Christ.**

“Don't lose hope mid-story — the Author is still writing.”

EXPECTANCY: WHAT IT LOOKS AND SOUNDS LIKE

THE POSTURE OF FAITH

Looks Like:

- **Seeing Spiritually**
- **Peace in a Storm**
- **Hope in Hard Times**

Sounds Like:

- **Praise Before the Breakthrough**
- **Faith in Motion**
- **Gratitude Before Provision**

“Expectancy has a look and a sound — you can see it and you can hear it!”

Seeing Spiritually

Expectancy Looks Like Seeing Spiritually

**Just because you don't see it physically
doesn't mean God isn't shaping it
spiritually.**

“I may not see it, but I sense it.”

Listening and Speaking by Faith

Expectancy Sounds Like Faith in Motion

**Expectancy speaks and moves — it
prepares in advance.**

**“I’m living like what God promised is
already on the way.”**

Peace in the Storm

Expectancy Looks Like Peace in a Storm

“I refuse to panic — I trust God’s plan.”

Isaiah 26:3

**“You will keep in perfect peace all who
trust in You.”**

Praising Before the Breakthrough

Expectancy Sounds Like Praise Before the Promise

Praise is proof of expectation — it's gratitude in motion.

“I will praise Him NOW for what I believe He is about to do NEXT.”

Faith in Action

Thank Him in Advance — Live in Expectation

Gratitude in advance is faith in motion.

- You clean the room before the blessing.**
- You build the crib before the baby.**
- You sharpen your gift before the door opens.**

Faith doesn't wait to move — it prepares to receive.

Ekklesia Declaration of Expectancy

I will thank God for my future!

**I will not wait to see it — I will praise until I
walk in it.**

**God is not finished with me yet,
and what's coming is greater than what's
been.**

**My eyes haven't seen it, my ears haven't
heard it,
but my spirit expects it — and I thank God
in advance!**

Let us pray