

REJOICE

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM PHILIPPIANS

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INFLUENCED TOWARD GODLINESS

Philippians 3:17-21

NOTES:

Review:

1. The ultimate goal for the follower of Jesus is to know him more. (3:12-16)

2. Prioritize your life around that goal by....

- a. ...remembering what Jesus has done for you. (3:12)
- b. ...leaving behind failures and self-righteous achievements. (3:13)
- c. ...keeping your mind and heart acutely focused on growing in your relationship with him. (3:14)
- d. ...trusting God's support in the process. (3:15)
- e. ...avoiding the proclivity to backtrack. (3:16)

Our Lives are Dramatically Influenced by Who We Choose to Follow and Emulate (3:17-19)

1. Follow those who model a pattern of humble, sacrificial service.

Phil. 3:17 *Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.*

2. Avoid those who model a pattern of prideful, indulgent selfishness.

Phil. 3:18 *For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*

How to Identify a Poor Example:

Their D _____ - "their god is their belly"

Their D _____ - "they glory in their shame"

Their D _____ - "with minds set on earthly things"

In contrast, a good example lives out Colossians 3:1-4

Col. 3:1 *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Our Lives are Dramatically Influenced by Our Focus On the Future (3:20-21)

1. Remember where your citizenship lies!

Phil. 3:20a *But our citizenship is in heaven,*

Phil. 1:27 *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,*

2. Anticipate that Jesus is coming back!

Phil. 3:20b *and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

3. Longingly look forward to your resurrection body!

Phil. 3:21 *who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Who do you count as your heroes? Who do you look up to? What impact has their example had on your life (good or bad)? Reflect on those who have had a positive impact on your faith and godliness. Thank God for them and, if you're able, reach out and let them know how they've influenced you.

2) How often do you allow yourself to be filled with hope regarding the life to come? What excites you most about the future glory awaiting you at Christ's return? Take time this week to allow this hope to invade your thoughts.

SONGS

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP
I LIFT MY EYES UP
JESUS PAID IT ALL
CHRIST BE ALL AROUND ME

ALTAMONT PROGRESS REPORT

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BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$37,862.28
2025 Giving vs Need: \$70,156.81 Below Need

Altamont Expansion Fund (3/4/25): \$208,774.51

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