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THE CHURCHES RESPONSE TO HEALTHY LEADERSHIP

Philippians 4:1-9

NOTES:

Review: A healthy leader prioritizes the maturity and fruit of their people, knowing that they are the reward.

Phil. 1:9 *And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

Phil. 1:24 *But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.*

Phil. 2:17 *Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.*

Phil. 4:1 *Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.*

A healthy church honors it's leaders (and Jesus) by....

1. ...maintaining a focus on maturity.

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2. ...working diligently to preserve unity.

Phil. 4:2 *I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.*

3. ...embracing the joy and hope of knowing Jesus.

Phil. 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;*

4. ...drawing close to God in the midst of trying circumstances.

Phil. 4:5b *The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

5. ...focusing their minds with eternal things.

Phil. 4:8 *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

6. ...following the example of the faithful.

Phil. 4:9 *What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) Take some time this week to reflect on the positive influence of the spiritual leaders you have had in your life. If you haven't yet, and if you are able, thank them. Who do you most look forward to encountering in heaven (biblical heroes, historical church figures, those who have already passed)? What impact does their faithfulness have on you now?

2) In Philippians 4:1-9, Paul summarizes the highpoints of his letter to the church. What has struck you during our study? What new insights or renewed truths have had an impact on your life and walk with Jesus? What area of growth are you pursuing?

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2025 Giving vs Need: \$69,982.61 Below Need

Altamont Expansion Fund (3/7/25): \$214,652.51

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