

**Lesson 10 Philippians 3:17-21 - Follow My Example**

Philippians 3:17–21 (NASB95)

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

<sup>8</sup> For many walk, (of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping), *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, <sup>19</sup> whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.

<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; <sup>21</sup> who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

**Introductory Notes.**

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**1. Philippians 3:17**

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**1. The command is**

- a. 1 Corinthians 4:16–17, 1 Corinthians 11:1–2
  - b. 2 Thessalonians 3:7–9
  - c. 1 Peter 5:1–3
2. Question Review
    - a. *plausible, not plausible?*

*i. Connected to Previous? (review)*

## 2. Philippians 3:18-19 Warning about the enemies.

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1. Observe Paul's
2. Enemies of the cross of Christ
  - a. whose end is destruction
  - b. whose god is *their* appetite
  - c. and *whose* glory is in their shame,
  - d. who set their minds on earthly things

## 3. Philippians 3:20-21 Contrast about us. (Heaven)

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1. Citizenship
2. Transformation
3. The Paradox :

### Suggested Discussion Questions

1. Should we, today, ever say "follow my example?" Or is that something reserved for apostles? Please discuss, why is it okay/not to follow imperfect examples?
2. What is your definition of being earthly minded? Please assess your spiritual detection senses: how quickly can you tell when you're being earthly minded?.
3. What does eagerly waiting for the savior look like? (describe what it is in the mind & heart etc & also what it's not etc).
4. A) What are some clear fruits of having strong hope in the eternal perspective? B)

### Next Bible Passage : \*\* Philippians 4:1-9 \*\*

1. Be sure to identify all of the commands in this section. Take time to meditate on each exhortation.
2. Why does Paul mention "gentleness" in the context of rejoicing or of anxiety & stress? V4-5.
3. What does the passage say about anxiousness?
4. How does the peace of God guard your heart and your mind?
5. What are the things that we should be feeding our mind with? V8