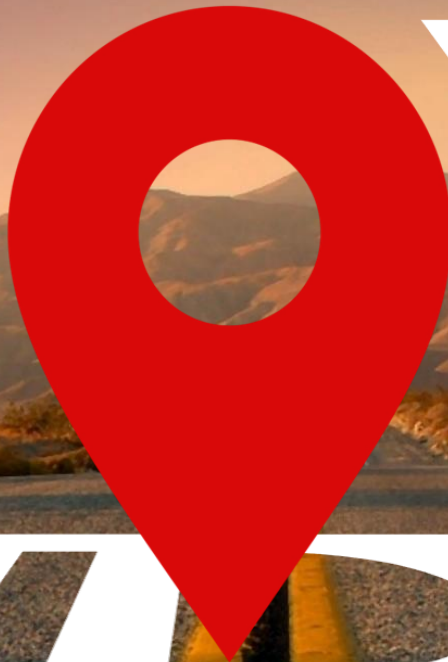


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PHIL 3:17-4:1

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Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 (ESV)

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

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 cont.

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
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.

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

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Philippians 3:1-16 Overview

“The Christian’s Constant Mind-Set”

- **These passages that Paul wrote in the 3rd chapter of Philippians are really where the “rubber meets the road” for the Christian.**
- **What Paul lays out in Philippians 3 is meant to shape how we respond and act in our lives based out of what Christ has done for us.**

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Philippians 3:3
For we are the
circumcision, who
worship by the Spirit of
God and glory in Christ
Jesus and put no
confidence in the flesh

Philippians 3:7-8a

But whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss for the
sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I
count everything as loss
because of the surpassing
worth of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:9b

Not having a
righteousness of my own
that comes from the law,
but that which comes
through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God
that depends on “faith”.

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Philippians 3:10
10 that I may know him
and the power of his
resurrection, and may
share his sufferings,
becoming like him in his
death,

Philippians 3:12

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

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Philippians 3:13b
But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies
behind and straining
forward to what lies
ahead,

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Philippians 3:14

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Philippians 3:17- 4:1

“The Trip of a Lifetime”

“A Genuine Kingdom Testimony”

Philippians 3:17 (ESV)

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

There is only ONE we worship...

- God the “Father”
 - God the “Son”, Jesus
 - God the “Holy Spirit”
 - the “Godhead”
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- Paul however, had no problem holding himself and other leaders up to us as an example for us to imitate.

Phil. 3:17a Brothers, join in imitating me,

1. Paul says “it’s okay to watch me”

- Paul gives an open invitation for others to not only watch the way he lived, but to emulate what they saw in their own lives as well.**
- ...and it wasn’t always just in spiritual or theological connotations. It was towards how he lived out every part of his life**

2 Thes 3:6–9 - Warning Against Idleness (ESV)

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

Phil. 3:17b ...and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. (ESV)

2. Paul says “it’s okay to watch others”

- **It’s a good thing to have a “Hero”**
- **We don’t worship them...**
- **However, there is nothing wrong with wanting to be like them in our own God created way and/or do or experience some of the same things they have.**

- Don't discount it when you like what you see spiritually at times in others.
- Don't be afraid of your motives, what you long for, or may even dream about.
- Why?

Philippians 2:12b-13... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

“A Distorted Earthly Testimony”

Philippians 3:18 (ESV)

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.

- Paul is not clear about who he is referring to here exactly
- But we can clearly see that how they lived grieved Paul and actually opposed the work that Christ did on the cross.

Philippians 3:19 (ESV)

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

- **Their god is their belly” they live for their fleshly appetites.**
- **They live for their own glory—they live to make a name for themselves.**
- **With minds set on earthly things—they live for that which is temporal.**

“The Trip of a Lifetime”

Philippians 3:19-20 (ESV)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

- The Philippian church enjoyed the culture, affluence, commerce, and many other benefits they enjoyed being Roman citizens

- **Our heavenly citizenship and destiny are far more important and real than we recognize at times.**
- **There is a day coming soon where we will take the trip of a lifetime and arrive at our ultimate destination**
- **Paul says don't be so caught up with life here, that you forget you are a citizen of heaven, and we await our Savior who will return for His church.**

“A Body to Die For”

Philippians 3:21 (ESV)

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.

- Not only will we dwell in heaven with God, but we will also receive new bodies and the hard part is living now like we understand it completely**

1 John 3:2-3 (ESV)

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- Our bodies that are falling apart, full sickness, and gives us way too many problems will be changed instantly to ones just like Jesus has now.

- **We will dwell in heaven with God forever, and we will also receive new bodies that are fitting and suitable for the glory and purposes that He has designed for us.**
- **This amazing change will take place because of the same divine power by which God will eventually subject everything in the universe to himself. All things will be put in order just as it has all been prophesied.**

“A Determined Attitude”

Philippians 4:1 (ESV)

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

Paul was consistently encouraging the churches he wrote to with affirmation and “to stand firm” and “don’t give up” based on what they were experiencing here.

Philippians 4:1 (Message)

My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.

The best way for us to stand firm and remain steady in God is to, like Paul, also encourage each other to live righteously and speak often about prophetic Kingdom events still on the horizon.