

# Philippians 3:17–21

The Humility of Discipleship

*Paul answers the question:*

Why risk opening your life to others?

1) You are called to \_\_\_\_\_ (v17)

**1 Corinthians 11:1** » Imitate me as I imitate Christ

**1 Corinthians 4:16** » Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me.

**1 Corinthians 4:17** » For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

**1 Thessalonians 1:6** » You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

**Hebrews 6:12** » do not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**Hebrews 13:7** » Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

**Philippians 2:3–5** » <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

**Psalms 56:9-11** » <sup>9</sup> this I know, that God is for me... <sup>11</sup> What can man do to me?

2) You can live \_\_\_\_\_ (v18-19)

**Romans 9:1-3** » <sup>1</sup> I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, <sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh

Described in Four Ways:

- a) Their end is \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Their god is their \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Their glory is in their \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Their mind is on \_\_\_\_\_ things

**Matthew 7:21-23** » Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

3) You know this is not \_\_\_\_\_ (v20-21)

**Colossians 3:2** » Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

**Philippians 2:10** » so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

*You will not find heaven by living isolated from other believers*