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EXAMPLES, EXPECTATIONS, & ENCOURAGEMENT

(Philippians 3:17 – 4:1)

1. (v17) EXAMPLES

HERE'S THE BEST: DO THIS

- 1) “join in following my example” - (4:9 and 1 Corinthians 11:1)
- 2) “and note those who so walk” - look around the congregation for good examples.
- 3) “as you have us for a pattern” - the obligation falls on us to copy that pattern.

HERE'S THE WORST: (v18-19) “for many walk ... “

- 1) “are the enemies of the cross” - (3:2 and Acts 20:29-31)
- 2) “whose end is destruction” - perdition; perishing; ruin; second-death.
- 3) “whose god is their belly” - the fleshly appetite is their god; (Romans 16:18).
- 4) “and whose glory is their shame” - they felt good about being bad: (Isaiah 5:20-21).
They took pride in their shameful behavior, flaunted it.
- 5) “who set their mind on earthly things” - with no eternal view; (Colossians 3:1-2)

2. (v20 – 21) EXPECTATIONS

- 1) “For our citizenship is in heaven” - (2 Corinthians 5:1); We sing: “Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims” “This World Is Not My Home” “To Canaan’s Land I’m On My Way”
- 2) “we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”
He is coming back: (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11)
“Eagerly wait” - yearn; great expectation; a strong and urgent desire.
- 3) “Who will ... “
“Transform” - change; transfigure; fashion; a make over.
“Our lowly body” - earthly or mortal body; the present body; temporal body.
“be conformed to His glorious body” - (W.E. Vine) “to make of like form with another person or thing; to fashion or shape one thing like another; to that which is essential in character, complete, not merely a form or outline.”
- 4) “According to the working by which He is able ... “ - God exercising His power.

3. (4:1) ENCOURAGEMENT

- 1) Note Paul’s view of these brethren and copy it: “My beloved” (you are so precious), “longed-for” (I miss you when you are away), “brethren” (family relationship), “my joy” (see 3 John v4), “and crown” (the joy in a teacher seeing students succeed).
- 2) “So stand fast in the Lord, beloved” - keep faithful whatever the circumstances.
Don’t be defeated.