

# A Life Worth Imitating

Philippians 4

Php 3:17-21 ESV 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**. 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.

Php 4:1-3 Therefore, **my brothers**, whom I **love** and **long** for, my **joy** and **crown**, stand firm thus in the Lord, my **beloved**. 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.*

4 **Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your **reasonableness** be known to everyone. **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.

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. 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.

Joh 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him.**

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have **learned** in whatever situation I am **to be content**. 12 I **know how** to be brought low, and I **know how** to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have **learned the secret** of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 **I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**

14 Yet it was kind of you **to share my trouble**. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into **partnership with me in giving and receiving**, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me **help for my needs once and again**. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.



18 I have **received full payment**, and more. I am well **supplied**, having **received** from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 **And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory** in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. 21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

2Co 8:1-4 ESV We want you to know, brothers, about the **grace** of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of **affliction**, their abundance of **joy** and their **extreme poverty** have overflowed in a **wealth of generosity** on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and **beyond their means**, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the **favor of taking part in the relief of the saints--**