

Aim High with Confidence

Philippians 3

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Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.
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To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

²Beware of the dogs,

beware of the evil workers,

beware of the false circumcision;

³for we are the *true* circumcision,

who worship in the Spirit of God

and glory in Christ Jesus

and put no confidence in the flesh,

⁴although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh.

If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

⁵circumcised the eighth day,

of the nation of Israel,

of the tribe of Benjamin,

a Hebrew of Hebrews:

as to the Law, a Pharisee:

⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church;

as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸More than that, I count all things to be loss

in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,

for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,

and count them but rubbish in order

that I may gain Christ ⁹and may be found in Him,

not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law,

but that which is through faith in Christ,

the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

¹⁰that I may know Him,

and the power of His resurrection

and the fellowship of His sufferings,

being conformed to His death;

¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained *it*, or have already become perfect,

but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that

for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

¹³Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet;

but one thing *I do*:

forgetting what lies behind

and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

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

¹⁵Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude;

and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

¹⁶however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example,

and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

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Matthew 14:3 ...when Herod had John arrested, he bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

⁴ For John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

Acts 24:24 ... Felix arrived with Drusilla, his wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him *speak* about faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁵ And as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you."

Matthew 9:11... "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

- ¹² But when He (**J**esus) heard this, He said, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.
- ¹³ "But go and learn what *this* means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Leviticus 18:20 'And you shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her.

- ²¹ 'Neither shall you give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.
- ²² 'You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.
- ²³ 'Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.
- ²⁴ 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.
- ²⁵ 'For the land has become defiled, therefore I have visited its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants (also Leviticus 20:13)

Romans 1:24 ... God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

- ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
- ²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,
- ²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.
- ²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
- ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,
- ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
- ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;
- ³² and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.
- **2:1** Therefore you are without excuse, every man *of you* who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.
- ² And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.
- ³ And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God?
- ⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?
- **1 Corinthians 6:9** ...do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,
- ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- ¹¹ And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God. (also 1Timothy 1:10)

All Scripture is from the NASV. Philippians 3 is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.