

Whatever Happens!

“Nevertheless, to the extent that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule. Let us be of the same mind” (Philippians 3:16).

All week long the Lord has been digging into the hidden places of my heart by exposing areas where I was not walking in His truth. Philippians 1:27 was an eye opener for me in this battle, “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

There came a few times where I had to literally force myself to conduct myself in a manner worthy of the gospel and let me tell you, it was NOT easy!!!! I want to encourage you at all costs to force yourself to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

It is His truth that guides you. Your ability to rise above consists walking in a manner worthy of His gospel.

Paul is clearly giving us a great truth in Philippians 1:27, “whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” This means it’s your choice to let your life become the gospel of Christ. Think about that for a moment. Whatever happens....conduct yourself in a manner worthy of gospel of Christ. Your life is the gospel of Christ. You need to make this a daily goal that no matter what happens you will conduct yourself in manner worthy of gospel of Christ.

Paul had such great trust in the ability of the Lord knowing that spiritual growth is an ongoing process all the days of one’s life. For me, when I began to struggle it was because I wasn’t being watchful to hold myself or conduct myself in a manner worthy of gospel of Christ, “Nevertheless, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

I want to encourage you to train yourself to recognize when struggles, feelings of being overwhelmed or doubt come, you can trace it back to not conducting yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. If you learn to recognize it (and it is a process), He will reveal that you have allowed circumstances to sway you away from His truth. That’s why further on Paul says, *“Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing”* (Philippians 3:16).

The word attained means to apprehend or seize something after a pursuit. If you have not laid hold of the truth, you will be overwhelmed. This week, as I struggled or wrestled with the problems, it’s because I was not conducting myself in accordance to His word.

Walk in light of the truth. Walk in the light of His knowledge. Walk in the truth that He makes you perfect for every good work because it’s Him that which is well pleasing to Him because of what Jesus Christ did. Situations don’t rule you. God will complete the work within us as we keep our mind on Him. If you want to go deeper in Him, it won’t be done by letting life’s battles overtake you.

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