

Follow the Right People!

The Companion of Fools will Suffer Harm

Philippians, #14

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Text: Philippians 3:17–19

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Believers are called to keep pursuing Jesus – *Just Keep Shufflin'*! But who do you train with in pursuing Jesus? Who do you follow?

2. What patterns does God give us? Describe how each of the following men are patterns to the early church and to us today.
 - Paul

 - Timothy

 - Epaphroditus

3. Where do we find patterns for godly living – this pursuit of Jesus? List four people that have been patterns for you and how they have and are impacting you now.

4. NOT everyone is a pattern to follow! Here are the six things we learn about the seduction of evil people in this passage. Describe them.
 - They are numerous.

 - They are enemies.

 - They are doomed.

 - They are idolaters.

 - They are proud.

 - They are earthly.

5. Make a “T chart”: People to Follow and Thugs to Avoid. Start listing names and the attributes (actions, thoughts, deeds, motives, skills, etc.) to follow or avoid.

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. I know I need to be passionately pursuing Jesus, but who did it well that I can follow? Who has done it well in the scriptures? Who has done it well in church history? Who is doing it well in my generation? Who is doing it well in my church?
2. Who on my “T Chart” do I need to take to coffee? What questions do I need to ask them? How do I make the time with them as profitable as possible?
3. Who do I need to avoid on my “T Chart”?

Action Points: What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read** Philippians 3:20–21 for next week.
2. **Reflect** on Philippians 3:17–19 every day.
3. **Ask** yourself these questions every day:
 - Who is following Jesus well that I need to use as a pattern today?
 - Who is spiritually dangerous for my soul? How can I avoid their influence?
4. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2024.