

A CHRISTIAN'S CONDUCT

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27 (NIV)

❖ A life that is FAITHFUL:

1. This word, "Faith", relates to the MESSAGE of faith to all people.

They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

Galatians 1:23 (NIV)

2. It relates to how someone accepts Jesus as their SAVIOR by faith.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

3. It relates to how a Christian is supposed to LIVE by being faithful.

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:17 (NIV)

- Jesus didn't just save us *from* something, He saved us *for* something.

❖ Choosing to be GENTLE:

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

1. It means we are willing to be SUBMISSIVE to the WILL of God.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

2. It means that we have a readiness to be TEACHABLE through God's Word.

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

3. It means that you are willing to be GENTLE in how you treat others.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:1-2 (NIV)

❖ Learning to practice SELF-CONTROL:

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

1. This word is often used in relation to practicing SEXUAL PURITY.

But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn.

1 Corinthians 7:9 (NASB)

2. The word used here also relates to our STAYING on COURSE in our daily walk.

Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷ No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NIV)

3. This word shows us the PATH to SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance, and patient endurance leads to godliness. ⁷ Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone.

2 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)