

“Possessing True JOY”
Philippians: A Book Study (4)
“Privilege Implies Responsibility”
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Text: 1:27-30

The PRIVILEGE of being called a Christ-follower IMPLIES RESPONSIBILITY. Paul provides us with three essentials in this journey, and they revolve around our conduct.

1. CONDUCT: C

With the C – v.27 “*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...*”

*“You are writing a Gospel,
A chapter each day,
By the deeds that you do
And the words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faithful or true:
Just what is the Gospel
According to you?”*

2. CONDUCT: C

As O – v.27b “*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel...”*

Standing firm in one spirit = Refers to steadfastly holding one’s ground regardless of danger or opposition. It’s both positive and negative.

Striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel = This means sacrificing one’s own welfare to promote the welfare of others.

3. CONDUCT: C

Amidst P – v.28-30 “*...standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.*”

Wherever Christ-followers live as we ought to live in this world....