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Philippians 3:17 NIV

Being Watched

You are being watched. I am, by who? **All those that are around you are watching you. Every person that you come into contact with has their eyes and ears tuned into you. They see all that you do. They hear all that you say.** I'm not sure that I wanted to know that. **Why not?** Doesn't that place a pretty heavy weight of responsibility on me? **Yes, it does and probably even more so than you realize.** What do you mean by that?

Your life is a message. It is, what kind of message is my life sending? **Your life is suggesting to others an example of how they can live their life. There are those who are imitating you. Your life is serving as a pattern for others to follow.** Now, I really feel a weight of responsibility. **Why is that?** I know that I am not living a perfect life. I make mistakes. I have setbacks. I sin. I am a sinner. How could I ever be a good example for others to follow?

Those admissions you just made are good examples to follow. You know that you are a sinner. You are not hiding that fact. You know that you need my forgiveness. You're not thinking that you have or can live a sinless life. You know that you have made mistakes and have setbacks. Yet you are moving forward with me. Isn't that also a very good example to follow? Yes, it is.

We are having this conversation together right now. Isn't that something that sets a worthy example for others to follow? Yes, it sure is. **Why do you and I have these daily conversations?** We have them because you love me and I love you. I want to spend time in your presence. I want to know you and your will for my life. I want to talk to you about all the details of my life. **Why is that?** I don't have all the answers. I need your guidance. I need you to teach and instruct me on how to live my life as your follower. **Isn't this also a very good example for others to follow? You are admitting to me that you need and want my help.** Yes, I am. **Would you be happy or sad for someone else to make the same requests of me?** I would be very happy if I had any role in encouraging others to come to you for all that they need.

Do you still feel a heavy weight of responsibility knowing that others are following your example as you follow me? No, I feel more excited and encouraged. **Why is that?** I now know that all my life has to say is, "follow me as I follow you." The weight of responsibility isn't on me at all. It is you that will mold and shape my life so that I am an example and pattern that others can follow. **Yes, I will. How do you feel about that?** I feel incredibly grateful that you will use my life to point others to you. **Yes, I will. You can be sure of that.**

Lord, only you can make my life an example that has any worth for others to follow. The only example that I can set is to rely on you completely to do all that you want to do in and through me. Use me as your witness in the world. Amen

Character *My Example*
Join with others in following my example, brothers,
and take note of those who live according to the
pattern we gave you.
NIV Philipippians 3:17

Character *The Example*
Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes
on those who walk according to the example you
have in us.
ESV Philipippians 3:17

Character *Our Example*
Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after
mine, and learn from those who follow our example.
NLT Philipippians 3:17

Character *Who So Walk*
Brethren, join in following my example, and note
those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.
NKJV Philipippians 3:17

Character *My Example*
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and
observe those who live according to the example
you have in us.
NRSV Philipippians 3:17

Character *This Same Course*
Stick with me, friends. Keep track of those you see
running this same course, headed for this same
goal.
MSG Philipippians 3:17

Character *My Example*
Brethren, together follow my example and observe
those who live after the pattern we have set for
you.
AMP Philipippians 3:17

Character *My Example*
Dear brothers, pattern your lives after mine, and
notice who else lives up to my example.
TLB Philipippians 3:17

Character *My Example*
Brethren, join in following my example, and
observe those who walk according to the pattern
you have in us.
NASB Philipippians 3:17

Character *My Example*
Brothers and sisters, all of you should try to follow
my example and to copy those who live the way
we showed you.
NCV Philipippians 3:17

My Example

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Character – Philippians 3:17

In Context: *Read Philippians 3*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it encouraging to have role models that are passionately following and serving Christ?

Who has been a good example and pattern of a passionate Christ follower for you to imitate?

How has observing what you have seen in fellow believers helped you in your walk with Christ?

What have you learned as you have followed the example of other brothers and sisters in Christ?

When have you put into practice something you have seen in the life of another Christ follower?

When have you noticed bad examples being lived out in the lives of fellow followers of Christ?

What has Christ done in and through your life that sets a good example for others to imitate?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow Christ to use your life as an example for others to imitate and follow as you passionately follow Christ.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will use your life as an example for others to follow as you passionately follow Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group what you have learned from other passionate followers of Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

