

Philippians: Finding Joy in a Broken World

Following Healthy Role Models

Read the following verses: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Examining the Text:

1. Who is being presented as a role model for the Philippians to follow in these verses?
2. What are the characteristics of the positive role models in this section?
3. Who are the Philippians being warned about, in terms of them not following?
4. Paul emphasizes that Christ will transfigure/change our current bodies into a glorious one (v. 21). How should that realization affect our attitude toward our bodies today?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 6:13-20. Even though Christ will transfigure/change our bodies in the future, we know that the Holy Spirit lives within us today, and our bodies are a temple. How should this fact affect our daily living (v. 20).

The Heart of the Matter:

1. Do you have role models in life? Are they Christian? In what aspect of your life have you learned from your role model(s)?
2. Do you yourself have the desire to be a pattern/role model for others to follow?