

PERSPECTIVE #5: I Will Avoid Stagnation By...

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Phil 3:15-4:3

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Context:

- ✓ The Apostle Paul **planted** the church in Philippi on his second missionary **journey** around 52 A.D.
- ✓ This is Paul's "**thank you**" letter in 62 A.D.
- ✓ Paul wrote Philippians from a Roman **prison** while awaiting potential execution.

➤ Continuing to DO What's Working For Me.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Philippians 3:15-16

Mature. Gk *teleios*. Spiritually mature.

"Things" the *Mature* will Embrace:

- Christ began a good work in you and is not done yet. 1:6
- Pursue mind of Christ and His humility. 2:5-8
- Do everything w/o grumbling and arguing. 2:14
- Everything in my life is a "loss" compared to knowing Christ. 3:7-8
- Forget my past and Press Onward to my calling. 3:13-14

Live what we have attained. Refers to walking in a line.

➤ Identifying Godly Role Models to Follow.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

Philippians 3:17

Keep Your Eyes. To live or behave in particular manner.

➤ Identifying UN-GODLY Influences.

¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. Philippians 3:18-19

So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. Acts 20:13

➤ Eagerly Waiting For Jesus' Return.

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21

Transform. Gk. Metaschematizo. Internal design of something.

➤ Striving For Unity In All Relationships.

⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! ² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:1-3

Book of life.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:12.