

AN INTENTIONAL PURSUIT (PART 1)

(Philippians 3:15-21)

We Need to Be Intentional in our Pursuit of Spiritual Maturity

I. We should _____ in _____ of our _____ (15-16).

1. We must pursue the right _____.

2. We must pursue the right _____.

II. We should _____ from the _____ of _____ believers (17-19).

1. Follow the _____ of those who are _____.

2. Be _____ of those who are _____ the _____.

III. We should _____ the _____ of Jesus (20-21).

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Why is it important to be intentional in pursuing spiritual maturity? What typically happens if we are not intentional?
2. What might be the “attitude” to which Paul is referring in verse 15? How can we live out the gospel, but not emphasize external righteousness alone?
3. Can you think of a time when someone else’s example was critical to you in your growth as a believer? Can you share briefly how that example impacted you?
4. What strikes you about the description in verses 18-19? Do you see the contrast between the mindset of these and Paul’s “attitude”?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?