

**PRESS ON
IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

LESSON 12 PHILIPPIANS 3:15-21

1. What habit or response was different because of what you learned in **Philippians 3:10-14**?

2. Pray and ask God to mature your faith as you read and study **Philippians 3:15-21**. In your own words, write the definition of the word "mature" (from a spiritual standpoint).

3. a) Paul wrote in **3:15a**: "*All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things.*" What are some of the "view of things" he spoke of that stand out to you. (See **V7-14**)

b) How does **3:15b** comfort you "*on some point*" where you might think differently or have questions about a Biblical viewpoint?

4. a) Put **V16-17** into your own words.

b) Can you name a person in your life who serves as a model of spiritual maturity for you? If so, explain one or two ways he or she has taught you by example.

c) If you are a Christ-follower, God is using or will use you as an example to a less mature believer. Who is in your sphere of influence, and how might you be a role model for them?

5. The Bible has much to say as to why people do or do not mature in their faith. Pick one or two points that catch your attention on this subject of maturity from:
- **Luke 8:14-15**

 - **Ephesians 4:11-16**

 - **James 1:2-4**
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6. a) Describe the life of people who are “enemies of the cross” found in **V18-19**. What do you think that could look like today?
- b) What are some “earthly things” that you find yourself “setting your mind” on?
7. a) Read **V20**. For those whose citizenship is found in Heaven, we are told to wait “eagerly” for Christ’s return. What are some synonyms for the word “eager”?
- b) Can you say, in all honesty, that you are *eagerly* awaiting Christ’s return? Why or why not?
8. How do the following verses excite and/or sober you as you await Christ’s return:
- **John 14:2-3**

 - **Acts 1:9-11**

 - **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

 - **2 Peter 3:10-13**

9. In **V21**, Paul talked of the Lord's amazing power. Comment on His power and what that means to you (see also **1 John 3:2**).
10. Write one truth or insight that will help you *press on in confidence* from each of these topics that you have learned about in this Lesson:
- How we are to live as mature believers

 - What we are to set our mind on

 - Certainty of Christ's return (See question 8)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. While Jesus was still on earth, He spoke about His future departure and His return to earth. What warnings or instructions did He give regarding His return in the following verses:
- **Matthew 25:31-34, 41**

 - **Mark 8:38**
2. Read **Luke 12:40**. How do you think a person gets ready for Christ's return (see also **1 John 2:28**)?
3. Write out **Philippians 3:20** as the Suggested Memory Verse. After you write it down, pray it as a praise to the Lord.

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PRAYER REQUEST