



Heavenly Citizenship

How to apply our eternal destiny on the job in the here and now.

Philippians 3:17-21

Philippians 3:17-21 – ¹⁷Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, 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.

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3:17 – Who should we join with and why?

What example is Paul encouraging us to follow?

How do we identify those who “*live according to the pattern*” Paul gave us?

What difference should it make in our workplace if the Christians there join together to follow Paul’s pattern?

3:18-19 – Who lives as enemies of the cross?

What becomes of enemies of the cross?

How do people show that “*their god is their stomach*” at work?

What is the glory of the enemies of the cross?

What does it mean that the mind of an enemy of the cross is on earthly things?

How do people show that “*their mind is on earthly things*” at work?

3:20 – Who are the citizens of heaven and how may they be recognized?

Why is citizenship a good analogy for how Christians should regard themselves?

How may we “*eagerly await a Savior*” from heaven at work?

3:21 – How is the power of the Lord characterized?

What does it mean that everything is under the control of God? How is this reconciled with people having a free will?

How does it help us on the job to recognize that everything is under the control of God?

What will our transformed bodies be like?

How does it help us in the here and now at work to know of God’s plan to resurrect us?