

Unshackled

Philippians 3:1-11 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Three types of enemies:

- Those who know they are your enemy and intend to _____ you.
- Those who don't know they're your enemy and intend to advance themselves.
- Those who are your friends and intend to _____ you, but they're not living and serving according to God's truth.

1. Beware of that which will _____.

Philippians 3:2-3

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Matthew 22:36-38 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and foremost commandment."

2. Be warned of that which will _____ you from your priority.

Philippians 3:7-8 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...

Philippians 3:4-6

If you really want to be unshackled and free, you can't let the good take the place of the best.

- Bob Goff: “I used to be afraid of failing at something that mattered to me, but now I’m more afraid of succeeding at things that don’t matter.”
- Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.
- Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

3. Be alert to that which will _____.
Philippians 3:8-10

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

John 8:31-32 “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”