COLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL 2011

PHILIPPIANS LESSON 7

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-4:1

Mem	ew your memory verses: Philippians 1:6 and 2:3-11. orize the verse from this passage that you think will be most helpful to you in a your life from God's perspective. I did it! Said to
	Philippians 3. (RememberJesus said that His gift of the Holy Spirit is to help us erstand His Word. Ask Him to open the eyes of your heart. You're not on your
<u>Read</u>	Philippians 3:12-14. What is the main thought that Paul desires us to see from these verses? (Remember to look for words or phrases that are repeated.)
2.	In verse 13 Paul says that he forgets something and reaches for (or strains toward) something. a. What does he forget?
	b. For what is he reaching?
3.	How would you describe the things that Paul "forgot" from his past? (Take a look at them again in Philippians 3:4-7. Are they noble or ignoble; successes or failures; etc?)
4.	When <i>you</i> think of forgetting things in the past and going forward, are the things you determine to forget different from Paul's or similar? Please explain.

5.	Verse 14 sounds <i>so</i> good! Now, what does it mean? a. What is the goal? (Take another look at verses 8-10.)
	b. What is the prize? (Does verse 11 help?)
<u>Reac</u> 6.	Philippians 3:15-16. As you may know, the word perfect here (NASB) has the idea of maturity. <i>Put verses 15-16</i> into your own words, explaining as you do <i>what</i> attitude Paul is speaking of.
7.	What thought from verses 15-16 is a. encouraging to you?
	b. challenging to you?
8.	Paul tells the Philippians in verse 17 to follow his example and to be on the look out for others who live similarly. From this letter to the Philippians and from Acts 16 what <i>principles</i> of living did these folks, and do we, see in Paul to emulate?

9.	We all have others who are observing our lives. a. Which of these principles for living can, by God's working (2:13), already be seen in your life?
	b. Which of these has God shown you (3:15) He wants to work on now?
<u>Rea</u> 10.	d Philippians 3:18-19. These verses speak of "those who are enemies of the cross of Christ." a. What is it that makes them so? (verse 19)
	b. Do you know some people like that? Is <i>your</i> attitude toward them like Paul's? Why or why not?
<u>Rea</u> 11.	<u>d</u> Philippians 3:20-4:1. On what basis can Paul urge them (and us) to <i>stand firm in the Lord</i> ?
12.	How are the groups mentioned in 3:2 and 3:18-19a. similar to one another?
	b. different from one another?

13.	Verse 1 of chapter 3 gives us a <i>safeguard</i> . a. What is the safeguard?
	b. How does it guard you against the thinking of each group?
	c. How do you actually rejoice in the Lord?
14.	Please write out a prayer as a response to something that you see in Philippians 3:1-4:1. (If you do not yet know Jesus Christ, this is a good opportunity to <i>tell Him</i> that you want to turn and follow Him in faith as Paul did, with the understanding that He offers you an eternal hope and a purpose for life today.)
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