

Book:	Philippians
Series:	Rejoice in the Lord!
Lesson 6:	Gospel-Worthiness
Text:	Philippians 1:27-30
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Next Lesson:	Philippians 2:1-11

INTRODUCTION

Paul devoted himself, even in the midst of the unknowns of life, to exalting and enjoying Jesus. Now, his passion is that these believers would do the same, that they would “let [their] manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ” (v. 27). *Brothers and sisters, we must follow Paul’s example in his commitment to Christ (1:12-26) and conduct ourselves in a manner _____ of the _____ of Christ.* Throughout this lesson, *our goal will simply be to use our text to explain, illustrate, and apply this simple exhortation to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel.*

EXPLANATION

This idea of a life worthy of the gospel is common throughout the New Testament.

What does Paul mean by living “worthy of the gospel”? Well, if the gospel is “the power of God for salvation” (Romans 1:16), then living “worthy” of it is living in such a way as to display God’s _____ to save.

Paul models this with vivid clarity (Philippians 4:9).

Paul returns to this same concept in Philippians 2:15-16.

Paul demonstrates, then, that gospel-worthiness should be internally _____, but _____ expressed.

ILLUSTRATION

The word Paul uses for our English phrase “let your manner of life” comes from the root word, *polis*, meaning “city,” and refers to being a _____ (cf. Philippians 3:20).

Consider _____.

APPLICATION

What are the marks of a life conducted in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ?

1. _____ (v. 27)

2. _____ (v. 27)

3. _____ (v. 27)

4. _____ (vv. 28-30)

a. *A sign (v. 28) — Our boldness affirms God’s _____.*

b. *A gift (vv. 29-30) — Our suffering affirms God’s _____.*