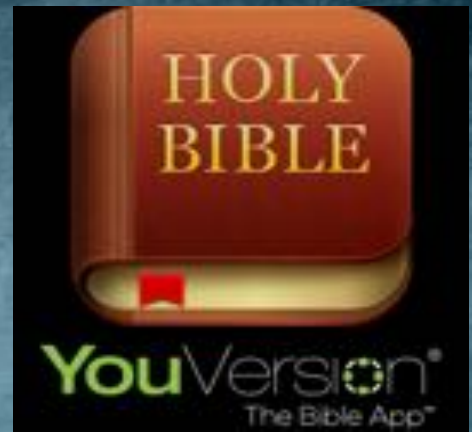




Scripture



Look for our event!

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Homeward Bound

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I. Imitate Godly Role Models - Vs. 17

I Corinthians 11:1 –

Paul - Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

II Timothy 3:10-12 -

You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings.

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II. Motivations to Imitate the Godly

A. The Pull of the World is Great

- Vs. 18-19

“I started with almost everything in life that a young man would want. I let myself be lured into long spells of senseless and sensual ease. I became the spendthrift of my own genius, and to waste an eternal youth gave me curious joy. Tired of being on the heights, I deliberately went to the depths in search of a new sensation. What paradox was to me in the sphere of thought, perversity became to me in the sphere of passion...

Desire at the end was a malady, a madness, or both. I grew careless of the lives of others. I took pleasure where it pleased me and passed on. I forgot that every little action of the common day makes or unmakes character...I ceased to be Lord over myself. I was no longer the captain of my soul and did not know it. I allowed pleasure to dominate me. I ended in horrible disgrace.”

**~Oscar Wilde, in Ravi Zacharias,
Recapture the Wonder**

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Romans 16:18 –

Such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world. It is not the X-rated video, but the prime-time dribble of triviality we drink in every night. For all the ill that Satan can do, when God describes what keeps us from the banquet table of his love,...

it is a piece of land, a yoke of oxen, and a wife (Luke 14:18–20)...the most deadly appetites are not for the poison of evil, but for the simple pleasures of earth. For when these replace an appetite for God himself, the idolatry is scarcely recognizable, and almost incurable.

~John Piper, *Hunger for God*

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Family Devotions:

- **Jesus Freaks –
DC Talk/Voice of the Martyrs**
- **I am N, Voice of the Martyrs**
- **Extreme Devotion, Voice of the Martyrs**
- **Foxes Book of Martyrs, John Foxe**

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B. This World is Not Our Home

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Hebrews 11:8-10 -

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land,

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living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

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Titus 2:7 -

Show yourself in all respects an example of good deeds, and in your teaching show integrity, soberness and soundness of speech.

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I Timothy 4:12 -

Let no one despise your youthfulness, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

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I Corinthians 11:1 -

Follow me, as I follow Christ.