Teamwork Makes The Church Work – 10 Pointers to Progress…MATURITY Philippians 3:15-21

POINTERS are Helpful in All areas of life but Especially when it comes to Success & Effectiveness of Our Relationships.

Today, let's ADJUST our "Thinking" & Look to Some POINTERS from the Bible…

You know You're Making Progress toward Spiritual MATURITY When you are:

1. BECOMING AN EXAMPLE OF CHRIST. (vv.15-17)

- In the game, ***"Follow the Leader"*** participants '***Follow' WHEREever*** & ***Do WHATever*** the ***Leader does.***
- ***A Good Leader*** even ***Encourages OTHERS to Join In***. *(1 Corinthians 11:1)*
- ***Young People*** know what a ***Good Example looks like.*** *(1 Timothy 4:12)*

2. AVOIDING ENEMIES OF THE CROSS. (vv.18-19)

- Sometimes ***Enemies Wear DISGUISES…***
- ***Some "enemies" Focus on Religion*** rather than ***Relationship with Christ.***
- ***Other "enemies" Profess*** to be ***Christians*** but ***Live like they're NOT.***
- ***BOTH are "Setting their Minds on Earthly Things."*** *(1 John 2:15)*
- When our ***Sinless Savior DIED*** on the ***CROSS***, He ***Offered US all a Righteous Standing before God*** so we would no longer ***Enemies of the Cross.***

3. EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE SAVIOR. (vv.20-21)

- The ***Believer's TRUE "Citizenship" is in HEAVEN***. *("Heavenites")*
- ***WE*** need to ***Live in such a way*** that ***Others will See*** that ***We are Different***.
- To ***"Eagerly Wait" Expresses*** the ***Earnest Expectation*** of something ***Believed*** to be ***ABSOLUTELY Imminent***.
- ***"We Eagerly WAIT"*** for Jesus in His capacity as ***SAVIOR.*** *(Hebrews 9:28)*
- ***"We Eagerly WAIT"*** for Jesus in His capacity as ***LORD***. *(Philippians 2:9-11)*

- When ***Christ Returns***, He will ***Conquer Sin, Evil & Death.***
- With that same power, Christ will ***TRANSFORM*** our ***Weak Mortal Bodies*** into ***Glorious Bodies*** like His own. *(1 Corinthians 15:50-58)*
- ***Champions of the Cross win a "Trophy" called…HEAVEN***.
- ***WILL YOU?***