

Conduct Worthy of Christ

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I. Introduction.

- A. The world expects us to be different since we are called “Christ ones.”
- B. Our conduct matters.
- C. Text: Philippians 1.

II. Three words that describe conduct worthy of Christ.

A. Unity. We must stand firm in one attitude. (Ephesians 4)

1. This comes from the Spirit.
2. One should have the same agenda with other Christians.
3. Unity is not easy.
4. The US seems to be able to afford fragmentation because there is no persecution.
5. Divisions are necessary so that those who are righteous will be approved, but we must make sure divisions occur over doctrine or conduct and nothing else.

B. Courage. We must not be alarmed by our opponents in any way.

1. It brings outsiders to destruction or it gives them life revealing to them God’s good news.
2. The gospel is successful always—when men and women believe it or reject it.
3. Suffering for Christ is a privilege and a gift.
4. Never back away from opposition against the gospel because this is the means by which it goes forth.

C. Humility.

1. We ought to regard one another as more important than we are regarding others interests.
2. Insanity is thinking more of yourself than you ought to think. (Romans 12:3)

Application questions:

1. Why is unity in the church often so difficult?

2. How is courage related to the spread of the gospel?

3. How would you assess your own humility? How does a person grow in this characteristic? Explain.
