

Paul's Philosophy—Christ is my Life

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Philippians 4:9.
- B. Paul taught that the essence of leadership was modeling.
- C. It is difficult to tell others to watch what we do.

II. There was no apathy when Paul spoke.

- A. He was beaten up before he could even finish a message.
- B. Paul had real fortitude. We need Christianity that demonstrates red blooded guts.
- C. Real leadership demonstrates courage.
- D. Leadership is the ability to move into a situation where everything is wrong and make something of it.
- E. Real leadership comes from deep exhilaration.

III. Christ is one's life and death is gain. (Philippians 1:21)

- A. Heaven is enjoying Christ.
- B. Paul gave two possibilities: he will live or die.
- C. Paul looked at his life on earth and saw it as gain for others and death as gain for himself reuniting with Christ.

Application questions:

1. How would you describe genuine biblical leadership?

2. Which area of leadership do you find most challenging? How can you overcome in this area? Explain.

3. How should a Christian view death differently in light of the message?
