

Stand Firm

Philippians 3:17-4:1

^{3:17} Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!¹

Choose your mentors carefully (3:17-19)

Don't lose your balance and tumble spiritually because of bad influences

Remember your destiny (3:20-21)

Look at earth from heaven's point of view

Stand firm (4:1)

Because Jesus Christ is our savior, it matters how you live your life

¹ *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. 1996, c1984 (electronic ed.). Grand Rapids: Zondervan.