

**Directed Prayer**  
**Lessons From the Life of Paul**  
Philippians 2:1-4:23

**Introduction**

**I A Life Marked by Advancement:** Philippians 3:13-14

- A. Advancement of the \_\_\_\_\_: Phil 1:12, 25
1. Prokope: "To beat the breast in grief and advance anyway!"
- B. Advancement of our spiritual life
1. To \_\_\_\_\_ on - Rom 8:28-30; Acts 20:24; 1 Cor 15:51-52
    - a. To take hold of His God-ordained purpose
  2. To remain focused on the goal by: - Ps 27:4
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ what is behind - Prov 24:16; Lk 9:62
    - b. Straining toward what is ahead - Heb 12:1-3
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_ on toward the goal to win prize - 1 Cor 9:24
      1. For which God had called him - 2 Tim 4:7-8

**Prayer #1:**

1. What are the "chains" in your life that God can harness for the advancement of the Gospel? Pray for that!
2. What is harder -- letting go of the past or reaching to the future? What do you need to let go of today? What future challenges do you need to commit to God?

**II A Life Marked by Peace:** Philippians 4:6-7

- A. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ about anything - Mt 6:25-34
1. But in everything
    - a. By \_\_\_\_\_ - Phil 3:13-14; Ps 27:4
    - b. By petition - Matt 7:7-8
    - c. With \_\_\_\_\_ - Eph 5:19-20; 1 Thess 5:16-18
  2. Present your requests to God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:
    - a. Will guard your \_\_\_\_\_ - Rom 5:1; 1Tim 1:2; Jn 14:27
    - b. Will guard your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus
      1. Hearts = Susceptible to wrong feelings
      2. Minds = Susceptible to wrong thinking

**Prayer #2:**

1. Share one thing that you are anxious about.
2. Take your anxiety to God with your partner using Philippians 4:4-7 as the basis for your prayer.

**III A Life Marked by Modeling:** Philippians 4:9

- A. Paul wanted them to put into practice - 1 Cor 4:16; 11:1
1. Whatever they had \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Whatever they had received
  3. Whatever they had \_\_\_\_\_ from Paul
  4. Whatever they had seen in Paul
- B. Paul encouraged the believers to follow his example:
1. "\_\_\_\_\_ me" - 1 Cor 4:16
  2. "Follow my example" - 1 Cor 11:1
  3. "Set an \_\_\_\_\_ for the believers - 1 Tim 4:12

**Prayer #3:**

1. What one thing needs to change in your life for you to be a reliable model of Christ for others?
2. Ask God to give your prayer partner the courage, wisdom and love to be able to intentionally and effectively model the Christian life for others.

**IV Closing Prayer**

- A. Pray for one another's personal prayer concerns
- B. Pray for God's blessing on one another

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