

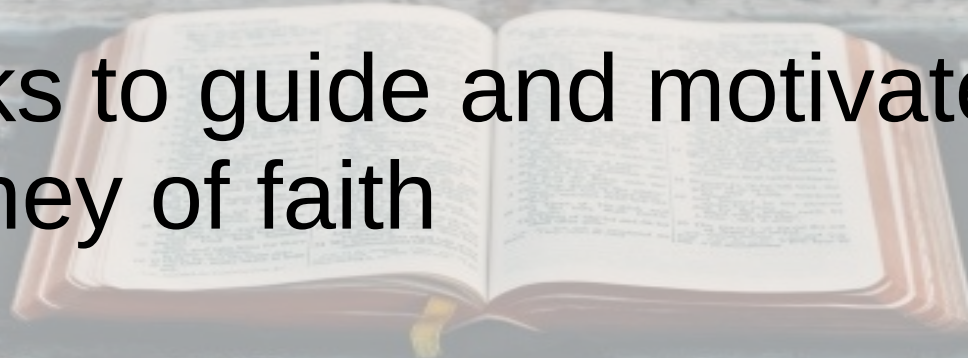
Imitate Christ

Philippians 3.17




Context: Philippians

- Author: Paul
- “Prison Epistle”
- Paul delivers a message to the Christians in Philippi who are facing challenges
- Paul seeks to guide and motivate them in their journey of faith



Philippians 3.17

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

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What Does Paul Mean?

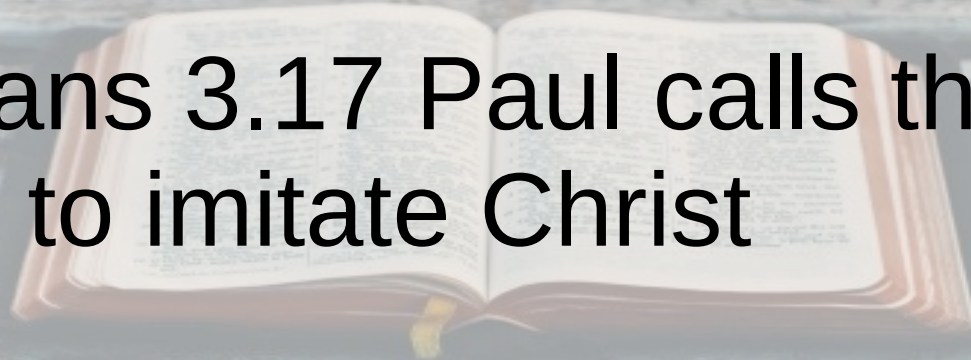
What it does not mean:

- To imitate him specifically

- What it does mean:

- To imitate him because he is imitating Christ

- In Philippians 3.17 Paul calls the Christians to imitate Christ



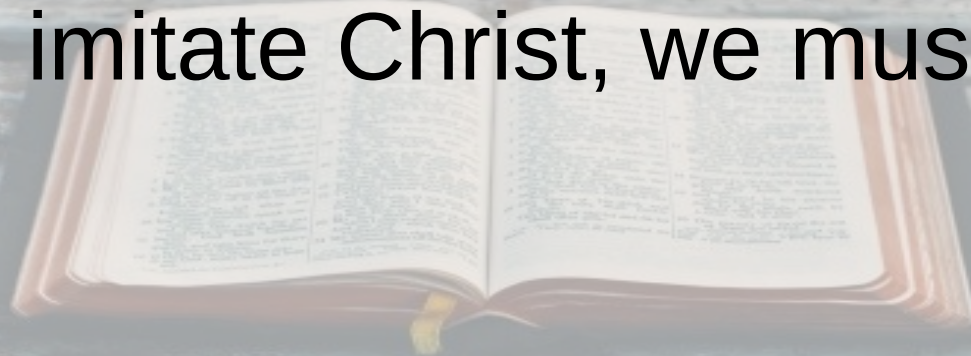
Question For This Morning

Can it be done?



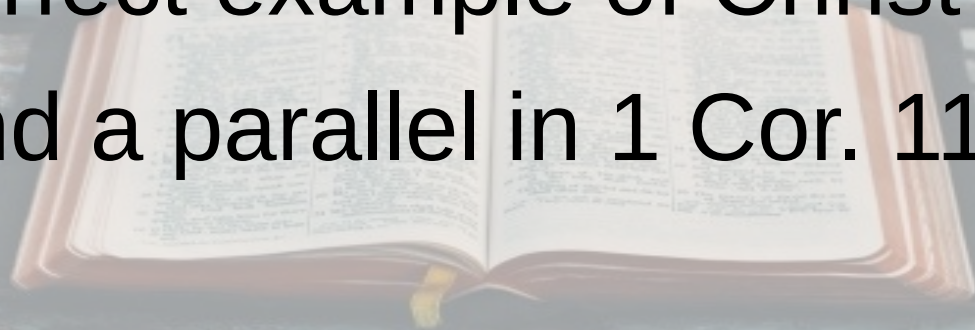
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- Paul's call to imitation stems from his desire to see the Philippians grow spiritually
- Imitation: following an example or illustrate different aspects of Christian conduct
- In order to imitate Christ, we must know Christ



Imitating Christ in Philippians 3.17

- We see Paul urging them to follow his example as he follows Christ's example
- By imitating Christ, the Philippians would not only follow Paul but also align themselves with the perfect example of Christ
- We also find a parallel in 1 Cor. 11.1



Relevance of Imitating Christ Today

- Imitating Christ has been a major part of Christianity since the start of the Church
- We must understand the challenges that comes with imitating Christ in todays world
- By embracing Christ's teachings, Christians can cultivate a life of faith, love, and righteousness

Can It Be Done?

- Absolutely!
- Philippians 3.17 serves as a call to all believers to strive for a life that reflects the characteristics and teachings of Christ.
- Are you imitating Christ today?

