

One Thing About Discipleship . . .
Philippians 3:17-21

Paul follows his “there is one thing that I do” advice by explaining to us how discipleship works.

The “one thing” about discipleship is that it is basically imitation.

The question is not, “Are you following someone?” The question is, “Who are you following?”

Are you following the example of those who are actually “enemies of the cross of Christ?”

Here is how you can identify the enemies of Christ:

- Their minds are set on earthly things.
- They celebrate what they should be ashamed of.
- They live for and serve the gratification of their appetites.
- Their lives end in destruction.

What are the characteristics of those who are devoted to growing in Christ?

- They follow the example of those who walk the walk, and don’t just talk the talk.
- They live on earth like they don’t belong here.
- They are single-minded about Jesus.
- They overcome the temptations of this lowly body by thinking about a glorious eternity.
- They live lives connected to power of God.