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7 Steps to Christian Living in 2016

Text: Philippians 3:1-21

Introduction: We have to admit that we now live in the “selfie” generation where people frequently chronicle their daily life in social media. What happened to the “Photo Album” generations? We looked through albums and turned page after page seeing our maturity. The Bible is a spiritual photo album. In it we can find word pictures. God reveals that He wants His children to remember where they have been, where they are, and where they’re headed. He wants us to continue to grow up. Let’s allow Paul to show us seven steps to being more spiritual in this New Year. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

Step #1 = Live Joyfully in the Lord (Philippians 3:1)

Step #2 = Live Spiritually in the Lord (Philippians 3:2-3)

Step #3 = Live Confidently in the Lord (Philippians 3:4-6)

Step #4 = Live Sacrificially in the Lord (Philippians 3:7-11)

Step #5 = Live Persistently in the Lord (Philippians 3:12-16)

Step #6 = Live Collectively in the Lord (Philippians 3:17-19)

Step #7 = Live Fervently in the Lord (Philippians 3:20-21)

Conclusion: Some Christians never grow because they always do the opposite of everything listed above. They do the exact opposite of everything in this list. They won’t follow Paul’s advice. We can follow the apostle Paul or the apostle Judas. One leads to the path to salvation and the other leads to destruction. Next Sunday we will have a brand new year! We need to examine our life and our own spiritual maturity. We need to make a commitment to grow more in 2016. I wonder what would happen if we lived like 2016 would be our last year on earth? Get things on track! Take these steps to be more faithful in 2016!