“Act Your Identity”

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Philippians 1:27-28

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Introduction:
A. It’s not just people with Alzheimer’s or dementia who forget ______ they _____.
B. Conduct yourself in a way that is consistent with who you are and ______ you are ________.
C. Three key words in Phil. 1:27 that create this clear and powerful command.
   1. ____________.
   2. ____________.
   3. ____________ - literally “be a ____________.”
D. Paul’s plea: ________ who you are, where your ____________ really is, and conduct yourself in a manner worthy of your true ____________.

I. Worthy Conduct includes Being ______________ (1:27b)
A. Paul expected them to stand ______ - persevere - to be constant and __________.
B. ____________ is conduct worthy of the gospel.
C. God is pleased and will reward us if we are ____________ to the end.

II. Worthy Conduct includes Being ______________ (1:27b)
A. One of Satan’s favorite tactics is to “_________ and __________.”
B. When Paul envisioned them “contending as one man,” perhaps he had in mind an illustration from Roman ________.
C. For the church to be effective, we must work together as a _______ and be willing to ___________ with each other.

III. Worthy Conduct including Being ______________ (1:28-30)
A. Paul called them to remain ______, confident and ____________ in the face of opposition.
B. How can a Christian remain confident and courageous in the time of crisis and conflict? Answer: Because we know the ___________ of the ___________.
C. We know the end of the ___________ - God ________!
D. When we live with confidence and courage in the face of opposition, we become a ________ to the unbeliever.
E. Paul’s advice for us is: Don’t be ________, just keep on ________ and ________.
F. It is often helpful for us to realize that others are __________ the same ________.

Conclusion:
A. It is not possible for us to conduct ourselves in a worthy manner unless we draw upon our ________.
B. Illustration from the movie The Lion King.
C. Like Simba, we must __________ who you ______.
D. We must remember we are ______ and ____________ of the King of Kings.
E. We must remember we are ____________ of ____________.