

*Joy for the Journey - A Study of Philippians*

**“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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. who, are. B. what, about. C.1. Only. C.2. Worthy. C.3. Conduct, citizen. D. Remember, citizenship, identity. I. Constant. I.A. firm, consistent. I.B. Perseverance. I.C. faithful. II. Cooperative. II.A. divide, conquer. II.B. warfare. II.C. team, cooperate. III. Confident. III.A. cool, courageous. III.B. outcome, battle. III.C. Story, wins. III.D. sign. III.E. afraid, speaking, living. III.F. fighting, battle. Concl.A. identity. C. Remember, are. D. sons, daughters. E. citizens, heaven.