

Sermon Notes – April 10, 2016
“The Power of a Good Example”
Philippians 3:17-4:1
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With respect to becoming proficient in your work, or a hobby, or in relationships how important are good written and verbal instructions? The good examples of others?

- With respect to the goal of knowing Christ (3:7-10) how significant are each of these as resources?

Note the great contrast Paul draws in verses 18-21. Some commentators believe those who he says “live as enemies of the cross of Christ” are indeed Christians.

- Noting what Paul says about them, what about your own life is consistent with what Paul says of these “enemies”?

Though as he writes, Paul is in Rome and his readers in Philippi, he says “our citizenship is in heaven” (verse 20).

- What characterizes a “citizen of heaven”?
- What resources are available to such citizens?
- Who are some good examples of people who live as citizens of heaven in the world where you work and live?
- To whom might you be such an example?