

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

Text: Philippians 1:27

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CONDUCT WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

1. Conduct (politeuesthe)

- a) Translated "conduct" (NKJV)
- b) The focus is on the noun aspect

2. The idea behind "politeuesthe"

- a) Root meaning: Being a citizen (Politeuomai)
- b) Be a good and worthy citizen
 - i) Historical context (Philippi as a Roman colony)
 - ii) Theological context (Being a good citizen of the Kingdom of God)
- c) Present Imperative
 - i) Imperative... as a command
 - ii) Present tense... as a continual/ habitual activity

3. The gospel of Christ

- a) Believing in Christ for salvation
- b) We become citizens of the kingdom of God Ephesians 2:19
- c) The gospel of Christ has implications on our behavior

4. Worthy

- a) Key word (Adverb: axios)
- b) Philippians 2:27; Ephesians 4:1
 - i) Be a worthy citizen
 - ii) Walk worthy
- c) Adds meaning to the verb

CLEAR DEFINITION

1. Standing fast in one spirit
 - a) As a soldier
 - b) Not losing ground
 - c) Present Active Indicative)
 - i) Linear idea
 - ii) Continuous action
2. One mind striving together for the faith of the gospel
 - a) One mind (more literally “one soul”)
 - b) Striving (to contend)
 - c) Present active participle
 - i) Similar to the Present Active Indicative idea)
 - ii) Verbal idea in a participle is also strong

CONDUCT TO BE CONSISTENT

1. In Paul’s presence
2. In Paul’s absence

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. Philippians 1:27