

Externals or Eternals? Philippians 3:17-19

The choice is yours: How are you going to live?

- I. Will you _____ the _____ you've been given? (Phil. 3:17)
 - i. Follow their _____ ("March in step")
 - ii. Live _____ ("Scope them out")
 - iii. Give your life to _____ the _____ ("The pattern")

-OR-

- II. Will you _____ your own _____? (Phil. 3:18-19)
 - i. Follow the _____ of your own _____ ("Many choose this route" Matt. 7:13-27)
 - ii. Take _____ in your _____ deeds ("Shame = Glory" Rom. 1:18-32)
 - iii. Set your mind on short-term _____ ("Earthly things" Matt. 19:16-22)
 - iv. Become an _____ of Christ ("End = destruction" 2 Thess. 1:6-9)

Application: It's not a one-time choice! These are Believers ("Brothers") who have to make the choice once again. **Discipleship is an ongoing commitment.** Remember: Those who have been seeking their own interest can repent and be transformed! (1 John 1:9 was written to Christians!)

Q: What does this look like?

Matthew 21:1-11—"The Triumphal Entry" on Palm Sunday

Matthew 27:20-26—The rejection on Thursday

Acts 2:36-47—The invitation at Pentecost (7 weeks later)

Q: What steps can I take today?

Focus on *eternal* things, not *external* things.

Financially, Socially, and Spiritually: where are you investing yourself?

Do you have a 5-year plan? or a 500-year plan?