

# NOTES

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*“But I gave up those things that were so important to me **for** Christ. Even more than that, I think of everything as worth nothing. It is so much better to know Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost **everything** for Him. And I think of these things as worth nothing so that I can have Christ. I want to be as one with Him. I could not be right with God by what the Law said I must do. I was made right with God by **faith** in Christ. I want to **know** Him. I want to have the same **power** in my **life** that **raised** Jesus from the dead. I want to understand and have a share in His sufferings and be like Christ in His death. Then I may be raised up from among the dead.”*  
Philippians 3:7-11 NIV

What Paul is saying is that to truly “**know**” God,  
you can no longer say “**yes**” to the **flesh**.

“Their **approach** to **people** is less human, less real, less “there.” Often, they instruct, motivate, and challenge others, but their lives **fail** to **draw** people to the **Lord**. They **push** more than entice.”  
-Dr. Larry Crabb

We are called to allow our **lives** and **hearts** to be open to join in **community** with others. Not so we **benefit** from their **presence** but, so we can benefit them with the **presence** of God.

*“There are many whose lives show they hate the cross of Christ. I have told you this before. Now I tell you again with tears in my eyes. **Their god is their stomach**. They take pride in things they should be ashamed of. All they think about are the **things** of this **world**. In the end they will be destroyed.”* Philippians 3:18-19 NLV

*“But our **citizenship** is in heaven. And we **eagerly** await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”*  
Philippians 3:20 NLV