

“Owner’s Manual: Conduct & Conflict”

pt. 7 — Philippians 1:27-30

To Live is Christ

INTRODUCTION

- living up to our calling: responsibility follows privilege
- “only”
- “conduct yourselves in a manner...”
Col. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:11, 14

1. Standing firm

- “standing”
- positively & negatively
Phil. 4:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Eph. 6:13-14
- developing convictions about truth from Scripture

“If you don’t make up your mind, your unmade mind will unmake you.”
— E. Stanley Jones

“Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.”
— Martin Luther



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2. Strive together

- “strive”
2 Tim. 2:5
- purpose in our striving
Mt. 7:15

3. Not alarmed by opposition

- “alarmed”
Jn. 3:19-20
- opposition a sign by God
 - ...of destruction
Jn. 3:18-19
 - ...of salvation
Mt. 10:22, 24-25
- opposition a part of God’s grace
 - ...granted to believe
Jn. 1:12; Eph. 2:8-9
 - ...granted to suffer
Mk. 10:29-30; 2 Tim. 3:12

APPLICATION

“The early Christians did not say in dismay: ‘Look what the world has come to,’ but in delight, ‘Look what has come to the world.’ They saw not merely the ruin, but the resources for the reconstruction of that ruin. They saw not merely that sin did abound, but that grace did much more abound. On that assurance the pivot of history swung from blank despair, loss of moral nerve, and fatalism, to faith and confidence that at last sin had met its match, that something new had come into the world, that not only here and there, but on a wide scale, men could attain to that hitherto impossible thing—goodness.”
— E. Stanley Jones