

“Walk the Talk”
Phil. 4:9 –Oct. 30, 2011

1. Application.

“learned” –a disciple -committed to live what is taught?

2. Attitude.

“received” –trust or depend on it with your life?

3. Acceptance.

“heard” –to live it or do it as instructed?

4. Alert to good examples.

“seen in me” –imitate what you observe in people around you?

Therefore...

- Practice these things!

- The God of peace will be with you!

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion
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1. Discuss the definition of being a "hypocrite." What is the difference between being normal and being a hypocrite? Why do people say "Churches are full of hypocrites?" In Phil. 4:9 we will see four qualities that are present in people that protect them from hypocrisy.
2. Read Phil. 4:9. Paul first refers to the things they "learned." (Application) Share when you really decided to be a "disciple" of Jesus. What is the definition of a "disciple?" What did Paul say to Timothy about discipleship? (2 Tim. 3:10; 2 Tim. 2:2) What is the difference between "teaching" a subject and "learning" it?
3. The second key element of living what we believe is our "attitude." Paul says they "received" what he had taught. What does it mean to "receive" something? (See I Thess. 2:13; John 1:12) When you truly "receive," what do you then do? (I Thess. 4:1)
4. The third quality is "acceptance." They "heard" what he taught. In the O.T. to hear means to obey or to respond. Compare Ex. 22:27; Deut. 12:28; 2 Chron. 7:14. Is it possible to hear but not obey?
5. The fourth quality of living what we believe is to be alert to good examples. Paul said "what has been seen in me." If they had any doubt or confusion they could observe Paul's life. What people have been good examples for your Christian walk? What kind of honest and transparent conversations are necessary to really make an impact? Who are the people that are looking at your life?
6. What is the result in a person's life if they practice these four things in Phil. 4:9? Discuss the difference between living a consistent life of obedience and one that is hypocritical.
7. Pray for one another to take seriously this week the application of God's Word in our lives.