

An Example To Follow

Series: Thrive

Paul said, “Join with others in following my example, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.” Philippians 3:17 (NIV)

Paul’s Example

1. Evaluation: _____

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect... I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.” Philippians 3:12-13 (NIV)

“You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you.” Proverbs 28:13 (GN)

2. Elimination: _____

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind...” Philippians 3:13b (NIV)

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!” (says the Lord) Isaiah 43:18 (NIV)

“Jesus said, ‘Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God.’” Luke 9:62 (GN)

3. Concentration: _____

“But one thing I do... straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...” Philippians 3:13c-14 (NIV)

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to win the prize.” 2 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

“So we make our goal to please Him...” 2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

4. Determination: _____

“I press on... straining toward what is ahead... I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord... will award to me on that day...” 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)