



# Daily Reflections

**November 4, 2016**

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## Scripture

### **Philippians 3:17–4:1**

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us.

For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction.

Their God is their stomach;  
their glory is in their “shame.”

Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified Body  
by the power that enables him also

to bring all things into subjection to himself.  
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

Paul writes, "Be imitators of me." Far from boasting, Paul is encouraging those who know him to follow his example of fidelity to Christ. Our world lacks yet desperately needs faithful Christian role models. Could this be your calling?

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## **Food for your Journey**

When you walk into a grocery store and see two bottles of vanilla extract on the shelf -- one labeled "pure" vanilla extract" and another "imitation" -- which one would you rather reach for? If you read the label on a bottle of soda and see "imitation cola flavoring," do you wonder just a bit what that flavor is made of? Is it some strange chemical compound with a name seven syllables long? Or is it something ordinary, like scrapings from burnt toast?

Imitation of anything is not very high up on our list of values. Most of us prefer "the real thing" (a fact not lost on the manufacturers of a certain well-known brand of cola). Curiously, in today's New Testament lesson, Paul encourages his Philippian readers to "join in imitating me." Whatever could he mean?

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please increase my faith so that I may make Your light shine through my words and actions. Amen.

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