

“Bad, Good, Best” ***Philippians 3:1-11***

What assets do you have?

How wise are the investments you have made? Do your assets outweigh your liabilities? Is what you spend your money, time and energy on really going to payoff? In this “asset search” Paul outlines three focuses that we typically have.

The Bad V.1-3

“Dogs, Evildoers, Mutilators” – The Judaizers. They followed Paul around his journeys like dogs barking at him trying to subvert Christianity since they could not stamp it out. ***Acts 15:1-5***

Worship, Boast in Christ, It is not about you - Keep focus on the Right thing, don't let the bad steal your relationship with God. ***Hebrews 10:11-14***

The Good V.4-6

Paul took account of his good and found himself short of heaven.

Right family – Paul was of the favored tribe of Benjamin.

Law abiding – A Pharisee among Pharisees.

Zealous – He had strong convictions and acted on them according to the law.

Mark 10:17-22, Luke 18:10-14

The Best V.7-11

The Knowledge of Christ – A personal relationship with Christ not just knowing of him ***John 17:3***.

The Righteousness of Christ – His perfection being imputed or put onto our account for ours is lacking. ***Romans 10:5-13***

The Fellowship of Christ – An ongoing intimate relationship that guides, directs and empowers and gives purpose to life. ***Galatians 2:17-21***

Application / Notes

Discussion Questions

What “Bad” thing pursues you and steals your Joy?

What “Good” thing in your life takes the place of God?

How can you continue to nurture and focus on the “Best”?

Homework

Read *Philippians 3:12-16*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God’s Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God’s Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God’s Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God’s Word today? Live it out.

Commit to one way that you can nurture God’s best each day and make it different each day.