

Learning from Good Examples

Philippians 3:17

Introduction: the priority of perfecting the saints

- Ephesians 4:11-12
- Colossians 1:28
- Hebrews 13:20-21
- I Peter 5:10
- Matthew 5:48
- II Timothy 3:16-17

I. Paul's Exhortation: "join in following my example"

- A. His lack of perfection vv. 12-13

- B. His pursuit of perfection vv. 12-14

II. Paul's Example

- A. He worked at being an example
 - 1. Philippians 4:9
 - 2. I Corinthians 4:16 , 11:1
 - 3. I Thess. 1:6 , II Thessalonians 3:6-9

- B. The Importance of human examples
 - 1. I Peter 5:1-3
 - 2. I Timothy 4:12
 - 3. Titus 2:6-8
 - 4. II Chronicles 16:9 a

III. The principle expanded - Heb. 13:7

Conclusion: take practical steps to reach your goal