

# Rewriting Your Résumé

## Philippians 3:7-16

**Phil 3:7-16** *But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. NKJV

## Diligently Seeking Jesus

He gave up everything he mentioned in verses 1-6 “for \_\_\_\_\_” (7). In pursuit of Christ, he was willing to give up his:

- impressive \_\_\_\_\_ pedigree.
- blameless law keeping.
- powerful \_\_\_\_\_.
- life’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Verse 8 tells us that he counted \_\_\_\_\_ things loss and considered \_\_\_\_\_ that could possibly get in the way of his pursuit of Jesus as garbage.

In verse 8 his aim was the knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord.

He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

**Matt 16:24-27** *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. NKJV*

There is \_\_\_\_\_ worth standing between you and Jesus, especially not temporary fleeting material possessions.

The rich young ruler went away \_\_\_\_\_ because he wasn’t willing to give up his wealth to follow Jesus.

Paul was willing to give up every physical \_\_\_\_\_ that kept him from knowing Christ.

**Matt 10:37-39** *He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. NKJV*

Paul embodied the attitude required by Jesus to sever ties with every \_\_\_\_\_ who might keep him from Jesus.

Paul was willing to give up \_\_\_\_\_ if it hindered another Christian in their pursuit of Jesus (1 Cor 8:13).

## Practical Application

- What is your most prized possession? Would you give that up for Jesus?
- What is your biggest dream? Would you give that up for Jesus?
- What is the most important relationship you have on this earth? Would you give that up for Jesus?

## Diligently Seeking Jesus' righteousness

Paul was even willing to give up his \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness in pursuit of Jesus' righteousness. Paul wanted to be found \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (verse 9). This starts with having faith in Christ.

**Eph 3:14-21** *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through **faith**; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. NKJV*

Christ dwells in the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who have faith in Him. Paul wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the love of Christ which passes knowledge.

**Rom 10:1-13** *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

Paul desperately wanted everyone to know that \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness comes through believing in Jesus. He wanted everyone to experience what he experienced in Jesus.

### Practical Application

- Shred your résumé and place in big bold letters at the top "Made righteous through faith in Jesus."
- Read through one of the gospels before the end of the month. If you read two chapters a day from Matthew, you will finish with two days to spare. We need to spend more time with Jesus every day.

## Diligently Seeking to Know the Power of His Resurrection

**Phil 3:10** *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

Paul would do anything, including suffering and dying, to attain to the \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to have fellowship in Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 10:22-29).

## Diligently Pressing for the Goal

**Phil 3:12** *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

Paul knew that he had not yet laid hold of the reward Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to give Him. Knowing that Jesus was determined to give him the prize he \_\_\_\_\_ for it and \_\_\_\_\_ toward it.

To be successful, Paul had to forget his past. He had to forget his past accomplishments and failures.

**Col 1:13-23** *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight — 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.* NKJV

Paul's focus on Jesus was a theme in his other writings as well.

Paul realized that God \_\_\_\_\_ him from the power of darkness and put him into Christ's kingdom.

We have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by the blood of Jesus.

Paul was happy to be a minister or \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Verse 23 reminds us that we need to continue in the faith firmly grounded in the hope of the gospel.

**Col 3:1-4** *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.* NKJV

### Practical Application

- We need to put our minds in heaven. Set aside time every day to think about where Christ currently lives. Think about what is important to Him. I'm going to spend time thinking about heaven every time I'm driving by myself.
- Memorize Col 3:4 and meditate on it when we get overwhelmed with life's challenges.

## H2H Discussion Starters

1. What obstacles do you face that make it challenging to have Christ at the center of your life like Paul did?
2. What has helped you overcome those obstacles and become more focused on Jesus?
3. What practical things can we do to help one another honestly be able to say, "Christ is my life"?
4. What else do you find helpful from Phil 3:1-16?

