

Philippians 1:27-30 "Stand Firm and Stand United"
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- **Christ follower - our worth comes from Christ's dying for us**

(Philippians 1:27) Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

- **Live with integrity (worthy) as citizens of Heaven**

(Colossians 1:10-12) And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.



Ephesians 5:1 (NLT) Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

1) Stand together in unity

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NLT) Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:3-5 (NLT) ... You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world? After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us.

2) Fight together for THE faith (the gospel)

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

(Philippians 1:28) without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved--and that by God.



John 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

(Philippians 1:28-30) without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved--and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

3) Stand bold and fearless in persecution and suffering

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT) Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.



- **God says – some things in life are worth pain and suffering**

(Acts 5:41) The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Romans 5:3-4 ... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

(Acts 5:42) Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

(Philippians 1:29-30) For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT) For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

Matthew 16:25 (NLT) If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Matthew 16:26 (NLT) And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

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