

## “...walk worthily...” from the Book of Philippians

<b>Scripture Block:</b>	n/a
<b>Theme:</b>	INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS
<b>Life verse:</b>	n/a
<b>Today's passage:</b>	n/a

### Notes

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What a remarkable church has grown and developed in Philippi! By the time Paul writes this letter, it is somewhere between 10 and 14 years old, and yet there is barely a hint of any type of problem within the Church. In contrast, although the Church at Corinth is roughly the same age, by this time it has warring factions, and areas of overt sin, which include incest and drunken celebrations of communion. What is it that made the Church at Philippi so different?

### Application

Actually, I think the fellowship at Vistoso Community Church is remarkable similar to the one at Philippi. We share a number of surface similarities, such as a significant presence of retired military within the congregation. In addition, I have observed a great deal of similarity in terms of heart attitude. For you too manifest a servant's heart. I tell you this, not so that you will “sit on your laurels”, but so that you will be doubly ready to pay attention to the message of Philippians—for it is a message to those with a servant's heart. It challenges us to develop it further in following the example of Christ, and it warns of the threats that will so easily compromise our potential future ministry—in fact we will discuss a few of those threats in the next several lessons.

In the weeks ahead, I hope the unfolding of this letter, which could so easily have been written directly to our Church, will help stimulate us to further growth and development that we might glorify the Lord in the same way as the Church at Philippi.