

Who Does Your Path Belong To Today? **Philippians 3:1-11***

The key word in Philippians 3:1–11 is *count* (Phil. 3:7–8, 13). In the Greek, two different words are used, but the basic idea is the same: to evaluate, to assess. “The unexamined life is not worth living,” said Socrates. Yet, few people sit down to weigh seriously the values that control their decisions and directions. Many people today are the slaves of “things,” and as a result do not experience real Christian joy.²

What do you value in life? Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are to cultivate spiritual values as well as reject false values. A powerful joy-robber in our lives can be traced to misplaced values. To know real joy we must harvest the crop of a spiritual mind.

Embrace the reality of your identity (1-3)

Avoid the minefield of false confidence (4-6)

Take inventory of authentic acceptance (7-11)

* These notes are prayerfully prepared to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's word.

² Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary* (Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books, 1996), Php 2:25.