



## **WOW: Word Of the Week**

### **Spiritually-Minded [Phil. 3]**

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A good title for Philippians 3 is "Becoming Like Jesus." In Phil. 2:5, Paul urges changed thinking, being "same-minded with Christ." In Chapter 1, Paul demonstrated his own single-mindedness. Now Paul turns to describe the "spiritual mind."

The world chases after many things that appear to have value. Christians wrongly evaluate what matters, goals and priorities. Paul had turned away from things he formerly considered valuable to focus on one priority -- to gain Christ and be found in him. Paul's great desire was to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, to share the fellowship of his sufferings, to share his likeness in death, and to attain the resurrection from the dead. Paul's goal was to become like Christ, leaving all else behind.

What is God's greatest spiritual desire for you? What is your greatest spiritual desire? Finding answers to such tough questions is the challenge of developing spiritual-mindedness. Paul describes his goal as "winning the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Paul's thinking and the purpose of his life had been turned upside down. He had learned to think in new ways.

A quick survey of the chapter surfaces these lessons. Being spiritually-minded involves....

- Changing what we depend on, what gives us confidence

- Changing values, rethinking our goals and what is most important to us

- Investing new energy to accept God's calling in our lives

- Changing our thinking

- Daily keeping our heavenly citizenship in view

*"Dear God, we want to become more and more like Jesus. We realize that this will require us to let go of some things that we think are important. Help us as we strive to adjust our priorities and devote ourselves to the things that matter eternally. Help us to develop spiritual minds. Transform us and make us fit for heavenly citizenship. Help us press on when days are difficult. In the name of Jesus our Savior, who also pressed on even in the face of death, Amen."*