

LIVE A LIFE WORTHY
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Tomorrow is Memorial Day. A day set aside by our nation to honor the men and women who have died serving our country. I hope that each of you appreciate the sacrifices that have been made for the freedoms that we still have in America. We are truly the home of the free because of the brave!

Phil 1:27-28 Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing side by side, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. NLT

The Word of God tells us to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Think about that for a moment. Ask yourself the question. "Am I living a life worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?"

I know that none of us are worthy of what Jesus has done for us, but since He was willing to die, to lay down His life so that we could be free, are we living the kind of life that we really should be living? Are we living lives that bring glory and honor to His name?

Paul goes on to say that we are to "stand side by side, fighting together for the faith."

Unfortunately, I've seen my share of fighting, even in the church. That is not what the army of God is supposed to be doing. There is a fight, yes, but it shouldn't ever be against each other. We are to stand side by side, not face to face.

We are told to "stand fast, stand firm, in one spirit and with one mind."

For the church of Jesus Christ to win the war that He has called us to fight, we have to stand together in unity.

We are also told not to be intimidated in any way by our enemies.

There are more enemies of the church today than there has ever been in our life time, but God has not given us the spirit of fear. Fear is not of God!

Then there is the matter of suffering.

Phil 1:29-30 For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. NLT

Paul and many others have left the church a great example to follow on how to suffer. Yes, even as a Christian, there will be times of suffering and persecution, but it is still a privilege to be a part of the army of God. We are told to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

I want to fight the good fight. I want to stand firm. I want to live worthy of the sacrifice that has been on my behalf. Both as an American and as a Christian. Live worthy!