

# { Dinnertime Devotionals }



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**Weekly Theme:** Philippians 3

**Verse #1:** Philippians 3:1-6

(I use the NKJV Bible for these devotionals. Questions are based on that text.)

**All Ages Discussion Starter:** This is one of those sections of text that might leave the young reader scratching their head in confusion. Two things to focus on: 1) Being reminded often of important things might seem “tedious” but it is healthy 2) Do not put your trust in yourself, instead focus your hope and trust on God.

**Verse #2:** Philippians 3:7-11

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Have you ever seen an athlete or actor pause to thank God after a great accomplishment? I bet you have. I appreciate those who are sincere in their desire to bring glory to God. This text challenges us a bit with personal accomplishment. Look at this... “What things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.” Everything we might accomplish pales in comparison to what Christ has accomplished. It is important to remember who is the greatest in this world.

**Verse #3:** Philippians 3:12-14

**All Age Discussion Starter:** Is it refreshing or a bit scary to read someone like Paul writing about how much more work he has to do as a Christian. For me it is refreshing.

We are all people and we are going to make mistakes and not be perfect, but we completely fall apart when we stop trying. What are some things that you can do to make sure that you are growing as a Christian every day? Are these things hard or are they easy? How will you accomplish them?

**Verse #4:** Philippians 3:15-16

**All Age Discussion Starter:** A lot of people don’t go to church because they believe they can get to heaven on their own. What does the New Testament say about this?

This passage again reflects the idea that the body (the church) must be of the same mind (same purpose) in the things they are doing. It is easy for one person to be overcome by a thief but it is challenging for 2,3,4 or more to be overcome by a thief. There is strength in numbers.

**Verse #5:** Philippians 3:17-21

**All Age Discussion Starter:** We can look to people as an example and as an encouragement, but we can’t forget that people will make mistakes. Paul is writing about the fact that some who were once faithful are no longer faithful. He refers to them as enemies of the cross. What can we do to make sure we continue our walk with Christ all of our life? How can we encourage each other as a family in our walk?