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Value Worthy Teaching August 24, 2025

Summary

In this fourth message of the series *Worth It*, Kyle teaches from Philippians 3, where Paul warns the church to value worthy teaching. Good teaching reminds us of the basics of our faith again and again, keeping us from two dangers: legalism (trusting our own efforts instead of Christ) and lawlessness (living for our own desires instead of God). The goal of worthy teaching is to help us know Jesus personally and become more like Him. Paul shows that true teachers live out what they teach, and we need the accountability of the local church to stay rooted in God's truth. Just like a warning sign on a mountain trail, faithful teaching protects us from paths that look easier but actually lead to danger.

Scripture

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining

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toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. Philippians 3:1-19 (NIV)

Let's Start

What is something basic you've had to be reminded of again and again—whether in school, sports, work or life?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

Let's Talk

1. Why do you think we get bored with the “basics” of our faith, and how can we keep them fresh in our hearts?
2. Kyle gave three ways to tell if something is legalism:
 - Focus on human effort.
 - Unbiblical restriction.
 - Majoring on the Minors.Have you ever experienced or witnessed one of these forms of legalism? How did it affect your view of God or the church?
3. What are some ways our culture encourages us to live for our appetites and desires?
4. Paul says the goal is to *know Christ*—not just know *about* Him. What helps you grow in really knowing Jesus?
5. How does being part of a local church or group help protect us from false teaching and encourage us in truth?

Let's Act

Make a list of “basics of the faith” that you want to keep coming back to (God's love, grace, forgiveness, the cross, resurrection, etc.). Each day this week, choose one truth and meditate on that truth for a day. Next week, share how holding onto that truth shaped your perspective.
