

Topic: Have A Walk That Pleases God

(行神所喜悅的事)

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Scriptures Reading: Philippians 3:12-21

Reference: *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty*, New Testament edition, by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck, Editors, Victor Books, 1983. (pp. 648; 658-662)

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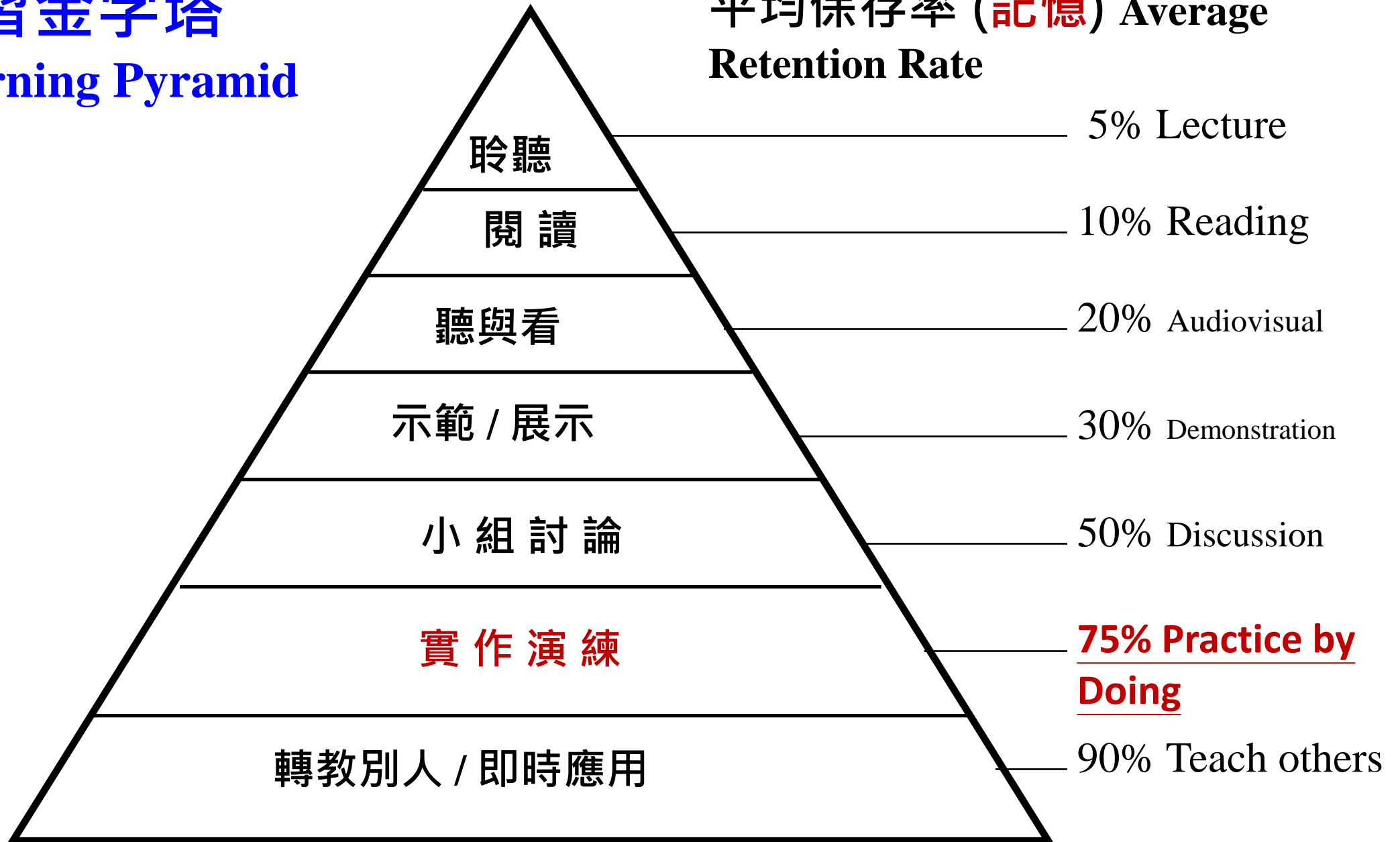
- Philippians 3:20-21 ²⁰ But *our citizenship is in heaven*. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be *like his glorious body*.

Outline of the Philippians

- I. Encouragement for Living the Christian Life (1:1-30)
- II. Examples for Living the Christian Life (2:1-30)
- III. Exhortations (strong encouragements) for Living the Christian Life (3:1-21)
 - A. Believers are to have no confidence in the flesh (3:1-14)
 - 1. The exhortation introduced (3:1)
 - 2. The example to be avoided (3:2-3)
 - 3. The example to be followed (3:4-14)
 - B. Believers are to have a walk that pleases God (3:15-21)
 - 1. A walk of maturity (3:15-16)
 - 2. A walk of watchfulness (3:17-19)
 - 3. A walk completed (3:20-21)
- IV. Enablement for Living the Christian Life (4:1-23)

學習金字塔 Learning Pyramid

平均保存率 (記憶) Average
Retention Rate





Chicago Bulls has won its 6th NBA Championship (MJ got 45 out of 87/86)

Years: 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, and 1998 SUCCESS Has NOTHING to Do With LUCK!

SUCCESS Has NOTHING to Do With LUCK! | Michael Jordan | Top 10 Rules



MICHAEL JORDAN'S 10 RULES FOR SUCCESS

1. KEEP WORKING HARD
2. IGNITE THE FIRE
3. BE DIFFERENT
4. FAIL YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS
5. HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS
6. BE POSITIVE
7. BE WHO YOU WERE BORN TO BE
8. HAVE A VISION
9. STOP MAKING EXCUSES
10. PRACTICE



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Leonard scored 41 points in the NBA East final for the

Raptors. NBA》李納德壓哨絕殺飆41分 暴龍險勝76人進東區決賽 (王維)麗台運動報2019年5月13日

- Kawhi Leonard of Raptors had a final-minute superior-difficult shot with final score of 92 vs. 90 against 76ers to win the final for the NBA East. 搶七大戰，暴龍與76人戰至最後1刻，李納德（Kawhi Leonard）**漂移後仰壓哨絕殺**，暴龍92-90獲勝，這也是自15-16賽季之後，**暴龍再次打進東區決賽**。
- 最後一擊，李納德接球，在右側底角高難度漂移命中兩分，球在籃框上彈了幾次才入框，**暴龍兩分險勝**。



- Leonard stressed that they have been practicing such strategy everyday. 李納德談到壓哨絕殺的感受，「這樣的戰術我們每天都在練習，我運球到底線位置。我在之前投丟了1個罰球，所以我就是想要彌補我的過失，然後那個球就進了。」
- 雷納德絕殺跳投 暴龍力壓76人闖東區決賽
- 聯合報 / 記者林宋以情／即時報導 05132019
- In comparison to the last season playing only nine games, Leonard led the Raptors to the NBA East final with gratitude, saying that it was really frustrating last year; however, I prayed daily for God's grace to keep me healthy to be able to play continuously. 有別於上季僅打了9場比賽，雷納德本季率暴龍挺進東區決賽，他心存感激，「去年的確令人沮喪，但神眷顧我，我每天祈禱保持身體健康，得以繼續打球。」

Outline of Have A Walk That Pleases God

- The example to be followed
- Ia. Goal 1. To have faith in Christ
- Ib. Goal 2. To experience the power of His resurrection
- II. Attitude: To actively pressing on toward his goals
- III. To have a walk that pleases God
- Concluding Remarks

The example to be followed (3:4-14)

- There was a time when the apostle **had confidence in the flesh**. But this was no longer true.
- To stress that he used to have great boldness and pride in his own achievements. **Paul reviewed his past** for the Philippians. After this he told about **his crisis conversion experience on the road to Damascus**.
- **Paul reviewed his past: (1) he had confidence in the flesh (2) his crisis conversion experience on the road to Damascus**
- → **Now: knowing Christ Jesus personally**

- 3:4-6 Paul **did not place any confidence in the flesh** – **he had gained victory over that temptation of the devil:**
- the **things** which he did place great value and trust **before he met Christ.**
- Old seven deadly sins — **lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, and pride.**

Humility – The Basis for Effective Leadership, by John L. Hennessy

<https://www.sup.org/books/extra/?id=30926&i=Chapter%201.html>

- **Leading with humility means** letting others announce your accomplishments because you don't need to,
- **it means** realizing and openly admitting that your **understanding** might not be right,
- **it means** willingly soliciting **assistance** because you know you need the help,
- **it means** taking the opportunity to learn from **mistakes**, **and**
- **it means** stepping up to the moments that **challenge and grow** you.
- **There is always an area for improvement!** (總有改進的空間)

John L. Hennessy



- As Stanford University's 10th president (from September 2000 until August 2016), John L. Hennessy, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, **led the university's extraordinary growth in multidisciplinary research and teaching** in the 21st century.

Seven advantages (**things to have in the flesh**)

- listed in Philippians 3:5-6 demonstrate **what Paul used to *have in the flesh* but what he later counted as *loss for Christ*.**
- Two kinds of advantages are enumerated.
- First are those **things which the apostle had by birth**, apart from this choice. Four of these are listed –
 - (1) circumcised on the eighth day,
 - (2) of the people of Israel,
 - (3) of the tribe of Benjamin, and
 - (4) a Hebrew son of Hebrew parents.

- Next, he named those **privileges which he voluntarily chose** –
 - (5) being a **Pharisee** (in regard to the law),
 - (6) being a **persecutor of the church** (as for zeal), and
 - (7) having a **flawless external record** of legalistic righteousness.
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- Legalism is **misuse of the law**. That is, it is **using the law for a purpose other than that for which it is intended**. **Legalism** includes futile attempts
 - (1) **to earn salvation by one's own performance** (e.g., Luke 18:9–14) and
 - (2) **to gain assurance by achieving a minimum standard** (Matt. 19:16–22).

(<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2008/01/legalism-and-righteousness-by-faith.html>)

- Psalms 139:23-24
- (1) **Search** me, God, and
- (2) **know** my heart;
- (3) **test** me and
- (4) **know** my anxious thoughts.
- (5) **See** if there is any offensive way in me, and
- (6) **lead** me in the way everlasting.

- In exchange for **confidence in the flesh**, Paul gained the surpassing greatness of **knowing Christ Jesus personally**.
- **Christ was now his Lord**.
- **Knowledge became action which merged into Paul's life**.
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On Leadership – What are the essential characteristics of a leader?

Basic Four areas of leadership

- Goal setting**
- Communication**
- Trust**
- Accountability**

Obtained from Carrot Principle, by A. Gostick and C. Elton, Free Press

7 Wise Leadership Characteristics

By Ron Edmondson, September 19, 2022

<https://ronedmondson.com/2022/09/wise-leadership.html>

- 7 characteristics of a wise leadership:
- Wise leaders have mastered **the art of timing**. 時間→要事第一 Never do 2nd things
- Wise leaders have **deep, tested and trusted character**. 品格 integrity
- Wise leaders lead with **a clear vision**. 願景 → Goals
- Wise leaders **tackle initiatives; even the hard ones**. 新措施
- Wise leaders continually **display diligence and tenacity**. 勤奮與堅持 (determination)
- Wise leaders are **strategic-thinkers**. 策略
- Wise leaders **genuinely love people**. 真愛→ Interpersonal relationship
- **Initiative**: a new plan or process to achieve something or solve a problem 倡議；新措施 PDCA rule: Plan, Do, Check, Act

Ia. Goal 1. To have faith in Christ

- His former “gains” he considered “rubbish” (which can mean food scraps or dung) so that he might gain Christ. **Nothing else really mattered to him any longer.**
- Having Christ as his Savior and Lord so far surpassed anything he had in Judaism.
- The righteousness which saves and in which Paul rested is through faith in Christ. This is the only kind which comes from God is by faith.
- **Goal 1. To have faith in Christ: Christ was now his Lord (Having Christ as his Savior and Lord).**

- **Judaism**

- **Christians** generally believe in individual salvation from sin through receiving Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior Son of God. **Christianity** generally believes in a **Triune God, one person of whom became human.** **Judaism** emphasizes the **Oneness of God** and **rejects the Christian concept of God in human form.** (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_and_Judaism)
- When a **believing sinner** responds in faith to the Spirit's work in his heart, he is **clothed in the righteousness of Christ** (Romans 3:24-26).
- In this position he is "**accepted in the Beloved**" (Ephesians 1:6, KJV). Thus robed, the **believing sinner** stands complete in Christ.
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- Romans 3:24-26 ²⁴ and **all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.** ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance (being patient and being able to forgive) he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as **to be just** and the one who **justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**
- **With faith in Jesus→ justified by His grace (**through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus**) → left the **sins** committed beforehand unpunished**

- Ephesians 1:6 (King James Version) ⁶ To the praise of **the glory of his grace**, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved.**
- **The beloved: Jesus Christ**

Ib. Goal 2. To experience the power of His resurrection

- **Goal 2. To experience the power of His resurrection** was also the apostle's goal. **The power** which brought Christ forth from the dead **now operates in believers' lives** since they have been "raised with Christ" (Colossians 3:1).
- **Power means ability to overcome resistance.** By setting forth his own goals and ambitions Paul gave the Philippians an example to follow. His example was, of course, **in stark contrast to the Judaizers** whose example they were not to follow.
- Colossians 3 ¹ Since, then, you have been **raised with Christ**, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (**Living as Those Made Alive in Christ**)

On Attitude

- Formula for Success
- Success = (Knowledge + Skill)Attitude
- $(1+1)^2 = 4$ 倍 (4 times)
- $(1+1)^{0.5} = 1.4$ 倍 (1.4 times)
- $4/1.4 = 2.9$ 倍 (2.9 times)
- 成功 = (知識 + 技能)^{態度}
- 108課綱 (2019 Curriculum)
- Competences (素養): knowledge, capability, and attitude (知識、能力、態度)

太強大！哈佛生曝「3讀書技巧」 網驚：早幾年看到就好 09162022
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哈佛生親吐讀書習慣太驚人 網揪「學霸1特徵」 - 時事 - 中

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<https://www.chinatimes.com/realtimenews/20220915005738-263301>

- Straight-A student of Harvard University has **three nice habits** in learning:
 - 1. Effective note-taking
 - 2. Pre-study for 80% and review for 20% (80/20 rule)
 - 3. Elaborate planning and executing the study plan
 - Establish micro-habit: $(1+0.01)^{365} = ?$
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- 上文被 劉姐(陳劉美森師母) 轉傳 主要是文中強調-習慣
 - 用三個有用的習慣來讀書
 - 1 課堂中要[作有效的筆記] 重點記要 便於複習 查尋精進 → 敏銳的品格
 - 2 [預習80/複習20]法則-課前標記 課中獲取解答 → 周全的品格
 - 3[細緻規劃 與執行讀書計畫]-時效性 分數取捨 完成頁數與題目 提早5-7天完成功課 → 且慢功、終始功、一步功+轉身功 (三一功)
 - 每個人都可挑戰當學霸-只要微習慣的建立 $(1+0.01)^{365} = ?$

II. Attitude: Paul actively pressed on toward his goals

- **3:12-14** Paul wanted the Philippians to know that he had not yet attained the goals stated in verse 10. **He was still actively pressing on toward them. He had not reached the final stage of his sanctification.**
- Paul candidly confessed he had not obtained all this, nor was he yet made perfect (v. 12). **He still had more spiritual heights to climb.**

- This testimony of the apostle reminded the saints at Philippi – and it serves **to remind believers today** – that **there must never be**
- **(1) a stalemate (progress ceased; no advantage made; no action taken) in their spiritual growth or**
- **(2) a plateau beyond which they cannot climb.**
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Paul *pursued Christlikeness with the enthusiasm and persistence*

- Paul *pursued Christlikeness with the enthusiasm and persistence* of a runner in the Greek games. The apostle did not claim to have attained spiritual maturity.
- He was **still pressing on**, pursuing that for which Christ Jesus took hold of him. Nor had he yet taken hold of it, that is, he **had not yet attained perfection or ultimate conformity to Christ**.
- But he was **determined** that he would (1) **forget the past** and, **like a runner**, (2) **press on toward the goal**.
- Paul **refused to be controlled or absorbed by his past heritage (vv. 5-7) or his attainments** (v. 8). → ***without complacency*** (feeling of satisfaction with your own abilities or situation that prevents you from trying harder)

III. To have a walk that pleases God

- Believers are to have a walk that pleases God (3:15-21)
- 1.A walk of maturity (3:15-16)
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- The second great exhortation in Chapter 3 has a positive ring to it – **Paul urged Christians to walk, or live lives, pleasing to God** (3:15-21). This should first be a mature walk (vv. 15-16).

- **1. A walk of maturity** 3:15-16 Share with Paul the pursuit of Christlikeness – what he wanted for himself he also wanted for the readers of Paul letter – **all of us who are mature should take such a view of things** (v. 15).
- Such things include persistently
- **(1) pressing on toward the goal** – one mark of spiritual maturity is a desire to go on with Christ (**right attitude**) – and
- **(2) living up to a righteous position in Christ (right action)** – a position for which mature Christians have already attained.
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- **2. A walk of watchfulness** 3:17-19 **Follow Paul's own example** and not that of the Judaizers – Paul set himself up as an example in the matter of relentlessly pursuing after Christlikeness.
- 3:18-19 Give reasons for the teachings in v. 17:
- **(1) many live as enemies of the cross of Christ** – believers should be able to determine truth from error (cf. 1 John 4:6).
- **(2) Paul was so concerned about the Philippians' spiritual welfare** that he warned them often and wept as he did so.

- 1 John 4:6
- ⁶ **We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us;** but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we *recognize* the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.
- **Spirit of truth:**
 - 1. Obtain from the Bible
 - 2. Believe and Honor and Praise Jesus Christ
 - 3. Say and do things that please the Lord

- As **enemies of God**, these false teachers were destined for destruction – those Paul warned against were
- (1) **people with Gnosticism** (knowledge and a pure life could free people from the material world) who **trusted in their own attainments and not in the sufficiency of Christ alone**, and
- (2) **all who did so** are not children of God,
- so they **await destruction** (that is, **be ruined by separation from the presence of God in eternal judgment**).

- **Three of these false teachers** are
- **(1) their god is their stomach** – they had in mind only their own **physical desires and unrestrained gluttony** (**eat and drink more than needed**) (cf. Romans 16:18),
- **(2) their glory is in their shame** – instead of **giving glory to God**. These teachers **heaped praise on themselves**; ironically, they **prided themselves in the things they should have been ashamed of**, and
- **(3) their mind is on earthly things** – those Paul warned against here were **depending on earthly things to gain merit with God**, and Paul frequently alerted the people of God against such a lifestyle (cf. Gal. 4:3; Col. 2:21-22).
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- Romans 16:18
- ¹⁸ For such **people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery** (praising someone, often in a way that is not sincere, because you want something from them) **they deceive the minds of naive people.**
- Galatians 4:3
- ³ So also, **when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world.**
- Colossians 2:21-22
- ²¹ **“Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”?**
- ²² These **rules**, which **have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings.**

- At the Rapture of the church, **Christ will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like (identical in essential character) His glorious body** (Phil. 3:10).
- Then **every child of God will be made like the Son of God** (1 John 3:2), that is, **all Christians will receive glorified bodies like His**.
- **Rapture**: the **feeling**, esp. in religious extreme delight, of **being transported** to another place or sphere of existence

- **3. A walk completed** 3:20-21 The people of Philippi were living there as colonists while their citizenship was in Rome.
- Similarly, **Christians, while living on earth, have their citizenship elsewhere – in heaven** – this contrasts with those in v. 19 whose minds are exclusively on earthly things, and **the believer eagerly await for his Savior's return from heaven (eager anticipation and longing).**
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What is Rapture? by John Piper

https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-the-rapture?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&gclid=Cj0KCQiAj4ecBhD3ARIsAM4Q_jEUtDh9Mi-bWYG5zqESCKRNoTJyHi4g2svmE6vtkp9hSAL8pjd_OlwaAtmrEALw_wcB

- For the first time that the word *meet* — “**caught up to meet the Lord in the air**” — is used two other times in the New Testament: Matthew 25:6 and Acts 28:15.
- In both of these places, it is **a group of people**
- **(1) going out to meet someone and**
- **(2) accompanying them back** into the place you just went out from.

- It's a **rapture** that
- (1) we rise to meet the Lord in the air, and then like a great band of welcoming,
- (2) we come back with him for his established judgment and rule.
- There is one ***great, glorious* second coming of the Lord in our future**.
- **He will come once more**
- (1) to give
 - (1a) relief to his church and
 - (1b) judgment to his adversaries and
- (2) to establish his kingdom.

- **No more will they have the limitations they now experience in their “lowly” bodies, which are humbled by disease and sin.**
- **(1) Their resurrected bodies will be like Christ’s, and**
- **(2) their sanctification will be completed.**

- As of **November 26, 2022**, 6.64-m (**0.083%**) people were killed by **COVID-19**; 645.6-m (**8.07%**), inflicted (World population has reached 8 billion on November 15, 2022 according to the United Nations.) – in Taiwan, 14,210 (**0.0615%**); 8.254-m (**34.5%**) (Taiwan has 23.92-m people).

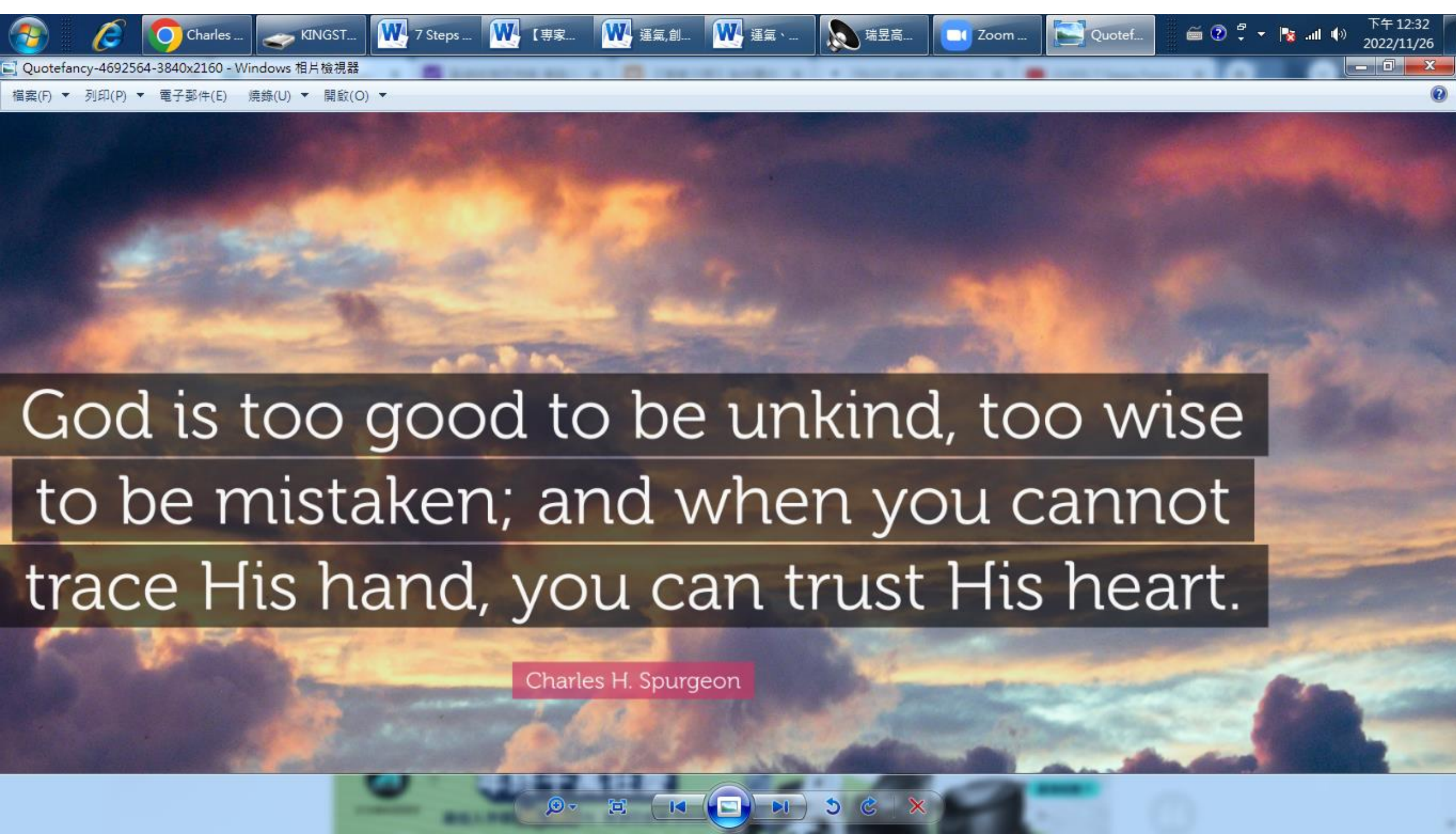
Thoughts and Reflections

- **1. Believe** (John 3: ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.)
- **2. Be born again** (John 3: ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.**” John 3: ^{6b} **Spirit gives birth to spirit;)**
- **3. Come of kingdom of God:** Luke 17:20-21 ²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees **when the kingdom of God would come**, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, ²¹ nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because **the kingdom of God is in your midst (or is within you).**”
- **4. Declare the bread of life:** John 6: ³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “**I am the bread of life.**”

- **5. Have a life to the full:** John 10: ^{10b} **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**
- **6. Call to the Lord:** Jeremiah 33: ³ **'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'**
- **7. Be given all authority:** Matthew 28: ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**
- **8. Go and make disciples of all nations:** Matthew 28: ¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you.
- **9. Can do everything:** Philippians 4 ¹³ I can do everything **through him who gives me strength.**
- **9. Be with you to the very end of the age:** And **surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

Concluding Remarks

- To Accomplish the 10 Items stated: It Is essential
- 1. To have faith in Christ (Goal 1)
- 2. To experience the power of His resurrection (Goal 2)
- 3. To actively press on toward his goals (Right attitude)
- 4. To have a walk that **pleases God** (Practice by doing)



God is too good to be unkind, too wise
to be mistaken; and when you cannot
trace His hand, you can trust His heart.

Charles H. Spurgeon

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