

Living Like a Christian

Philippians 1:27-30

When we open the Bible with a teachable attitude, the Spirit of God will inform our mind, stir our emotions, and move us to action.

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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, (v.27a)

Moises Silva's translation of v.27a:

What really matters is that you behave as citizens of heaven, in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph.2:8-9)

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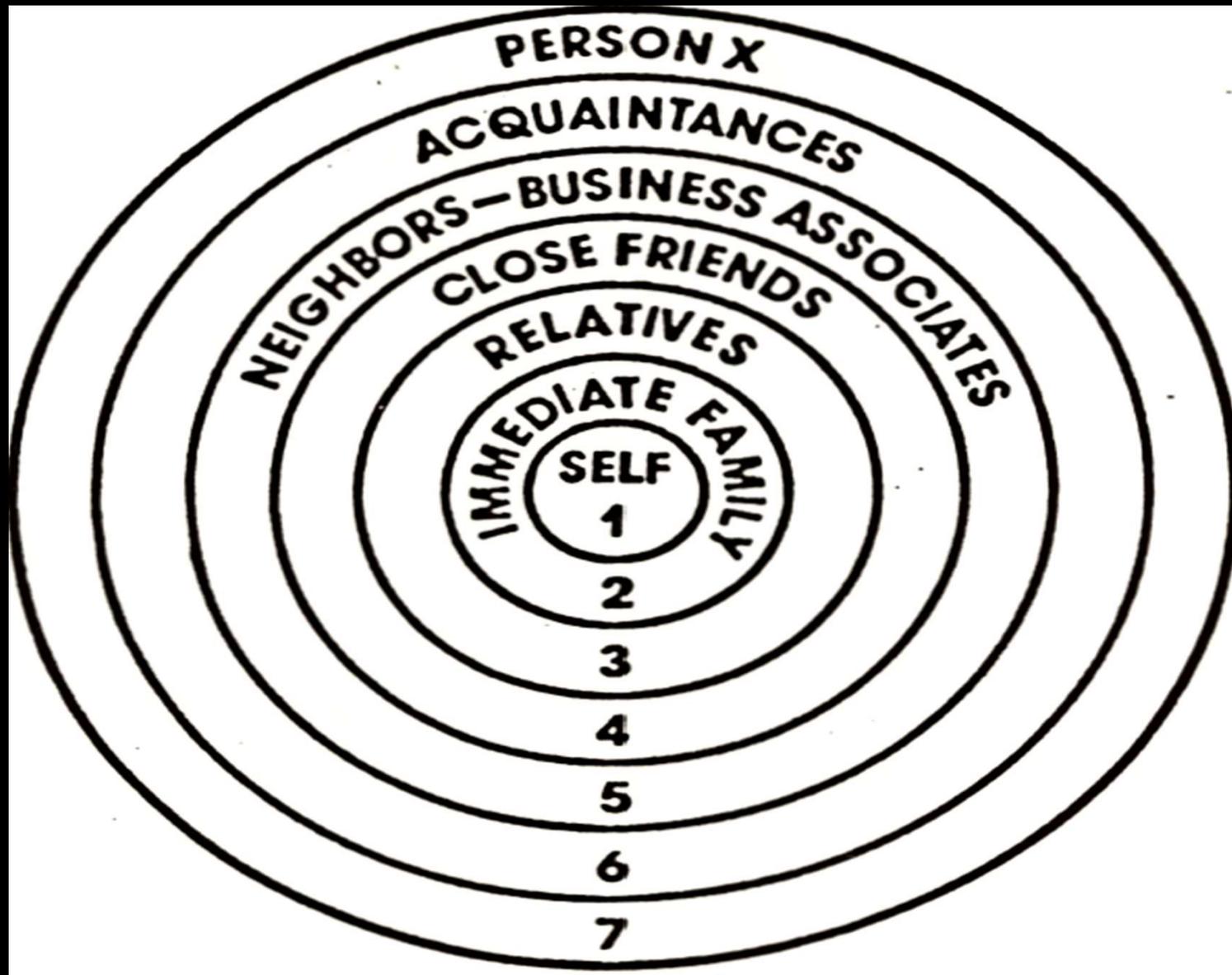
*you are standing firm in one spirit,
with one mind striving side by side for the
faith of the gospel, (v.27b).*

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Concentric Circles of Concern



Who Is Your One?

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1. We must be a church that welcomes every single person who comes through our doors, regardless of their race, social class, or any other difference.

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2. We must start inviting our friends and acquaintances from work, school, neighborhood, etc. to come to church with us, regardless of their race, social class, or any other difference.

This day, please give me an opportunity to share Christ; the ability to recognize it when it occurs; and the courage to do it when I recognize it.

- Paige Patterson

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and not frightened in anything by your opponents. (v.28)

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Paul speaks of this as a privilege, a gift from God:

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake (v.29).

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Jesus: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

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The apostles left the court *rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the name.* (Acts 5:41)

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As you look at your life, it is obvious that you believe the gospel?