

"Faithful - In Christ (Part 4)" [Hebrews 11:1-6](#)

Paul showed us just how important our relationship with Christ is in Philippians 3:7-9

- In Christ starts with our **position at Salvation** Phase 1, can (and should) **continue in a relationship** Phase 2 and **culminates in eternity** Phase 3
- This relationship should be the **most important** thing in our lives. Above and beyond anything.
- We are never standing still in our Spiritual life

Consistency

- Part of our representation (our witness) of Christ on earth (which is synonymous with the Ambassadorship of the believer) has to do with consistency
- Jesus Christ is consistent
 - Hebrews 13:8 ESV
 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
 - 2 Timothy 2:13 When we are unfaithful, he remains faithful
- Most importantly we must be consistent in the intake of the word of God AND restoration of fellowship (keep short accounts)
- Prayer Life
 - Remember that your speaking to God (be prepared, accurate, thankful, humble)
 - Pray (Imperative) without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17)
 - We must stay consistent in prayer so we can be in tune and accurate in our communication to God
- There can be a tendency to change the way we think/act in certain environments (ex. vacation) or around certain people
- **Romans 12:1-3 (This is Paul's letter to the Roman believers, where he speaks about dedicated service)**
 - 1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.**
 - a. This is the testimony or evidence we've been talking about
 - 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**
 - a. Conform - properly, assuming a similar outward form (expression) by following the same pattern (model, mold).
 - b. If you were waiting on a command from God, here it is: Do not be conformed, but be transformed are **both in the imperative**
 - c. The renewing of your mind is renovation of thinking by the word of God circulating in your soul
 - d. When we change our thinking/actions based on other people we are conforming
 - 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.**
- So, our testimony, our witness is influenced by conforming to the world when we change the way we act around someone because of who they are
- Sound judgement based on faith

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