Pressing Onward

A Study in Philippians

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**[Pressing Onward: Following & Being Followed]**

Philippians 1:1b

Philippians is the only letter in which Paul specifically mentions the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his greeting.

We should see servanthood modeled *most* clearly in those whom God has called to lead the church.

All believers are equal, loved, and cherished in Christ. We all have the same Holy Spirit. All are saints and each of us are called to serve the church in various ways.

God has called specific people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him in the church. Their service and leadership is to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for others to follow.

The word overseer is the same word that is translated pastor, elder, shepherd, and bishop in other parts of the Bible.

There are many roles and responsibilities of overseers/deacons.

Overseers/Pastors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by leading.

Deacons lead by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Both of theses offices are high callings and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from God to the church.

To be a leader in the kingdom of God means to first be a servant.

God has given the church overseers/deacons to serve the church as tangible model for the rest of the church.

The church is meant to *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* the good example of these overseers/deacons and at the same time become examples for others to follow.

Whose example are you watching?

Are you a good example for others to follow?

*Blanks: overseers/deacons; serve & example; serve; serving; gift; follow*