**First Baptist Church Taylorsville**

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**Pressing Onward - A Study in Philippians**

***[Walking the Walk & Talking the Talk]***

**Philippians 2: 14-16**

***Introduction:***

As Christians, we must understand that in our salvation, we **press onward** toward Christlikeness *and* at the same time, God is at work in us.

***Walking the Walk (v 14-15):***

In this section, Paul continues to show us what it looks like to live out our faith in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.

People who do not follow Christ or people who are not **pressing onward** toward Him live lives marked with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and are only concerned with their own interests.

The people of God who are **pressing onward** toward Christ are known for their humility, compassion, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward others.

It is important for Christians to live this way so the light of Christ might shine through us and demonstrate, because of God’s work in us, there is now a clear change and difference in our lives.

To be blameless and innocent does not mean perfection, rather it is the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_living out what we believe so that our character is known to others.

Walking the walk (living out what we believe day to day) is important, but it is not enough by itself to save people or to communicate the gospel message to those around us.

Walking the walk provides a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by which we proclaim the message of the gospel to others.

***Talking the Talk (v 16):***

Holding fast to the word of life means two things for us as believers in Christ.

1. We are to hold fast to what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the gospel message of Jesus Christ).

This means we are not only to live out our faith day to day, but it also means we spend time praying, reading, studying the Bible and we allow ourselves to be taught from it.

1. Holding fast to the word also means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel message of Jesus to others.

This means as we live out our faith practically, we also pray and seek opportunities to share the gospel with others, so they too can know the grace that God gives to forgive sin and cause change in their lives.

***Application:***

Be encouraged, God’s work in you will enable you to live out your faith practically day to day.

Let us strive to be people who hold fast to what we believe as we study the Word and give ourselves to it.

Let us strive to be people who hold forth the Word to others as we share the gospel with those around us.

**Blanks: everyday; self-centeredness; selflessness; faithfully; platform; believe; sharing.**