

## MENTORS, MODELS AND MATURITY

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**BIG IDEA: Models, Mentors and Maturity all coalesce to influence us. Who is influencing you and in what direction?**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. <sup>16</sup> In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained. <sup>17</sup> Join in imitating me, brothers and sisters, and pay careful attention to those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For I have often told you, and now say again with tears, that many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame; and they are focused on earthly things, <sup>20</sup> Our citizenship is in heaven..."  
**Philippians 3:15-20a CSB**

**1. As God's \_\_\_\_\_ informs-influences-guides our thinking, we move toward maturity. "Think this way."**

"If you *abide* in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**John 8:31-32 ESV**

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." **Romans 12:2 NLT**

"keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic & real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always." **Philippians 4:8 TPT**

**2. Modeling is how we get a \_\_\_\_\_ for maturity. Imitating is the \_\_\_\_\_ in. "Imitate me and those living like me."**

"Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ." **1 Cor. 11:1 CSB**

**3. Since models impact us powerfully, \_\_\_\_\_ who you let influence you.**

"many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction; their god is their stomach; their glory is in their shame; and they are focused on earthly things" (18-19)

Directional

Sensual

Brazen

Shameful

Earthly-Minded

### PRACTICALLY SPEAKING:

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ ! Invest. Read...**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ those who have influenced and impact your walk with God—list, thank and reinvest.**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ from bad influences.**