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Good and Bad Examples

Philippians 3:17-19



**Brethren, be followers together of me,
and mark them which walk so as ye
have us for an ensample. ¹⁸ (For many
walk, of whom I have told you often,
and now tell you even weeping, *that
they are* the enemies of the cross of
Christ: ¹⁹ Whose end *is* destruction,
whose God *is their* belly, and *whose*
glory *is* in their shame, who mind
earthly things.)**



Philippians 3:17 (ESV)

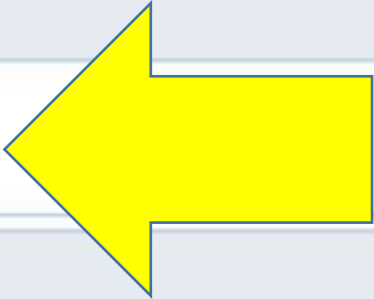


- **Brothers [& sisters], join in imitating me,**

What are we to imitate?

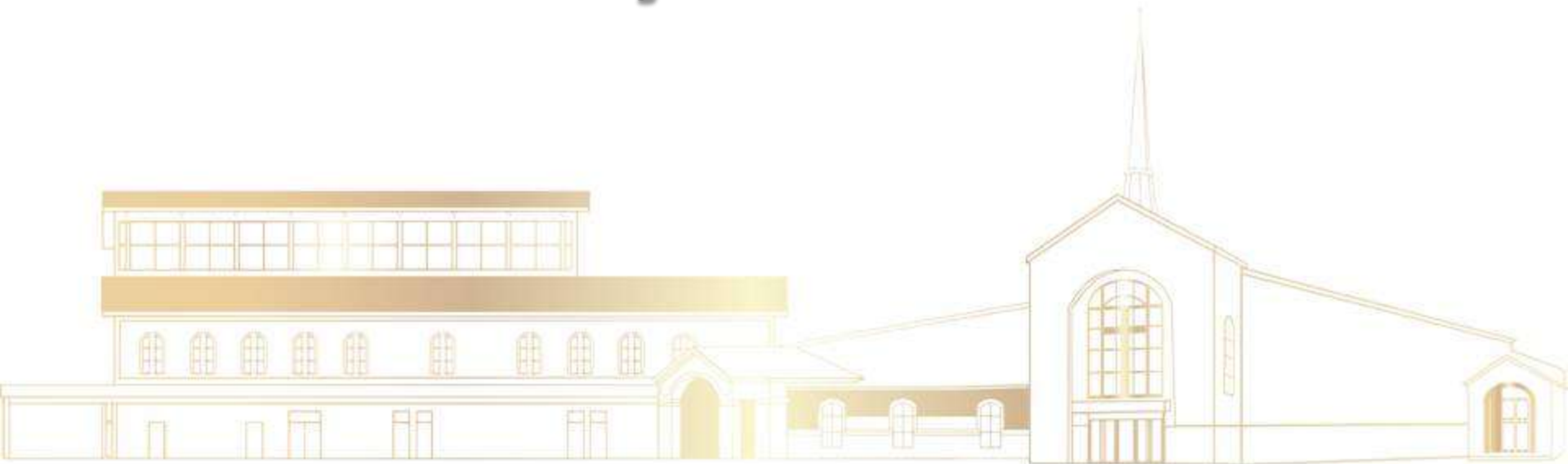
The KJV has the word followers

Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	Middle voice from mimos (a "mimic")
Dictionary Aids	
Vine's Expository Dictionary: View Entry TDNT Reference: 4:659,594	
KJV Translation Count — Total: 4x	
The KJV translates Strong's G3401 in the following manner: follow (4x).	
Outline of Biblical Usage [?]	
1. to imitate: any one	
Strong's Definitions [?]	(Strong's Definitions Legend)
μιμέομαι miméomai, mim-eh'-om-ahee; middle voice from μῖμος mîmos (a "mimic"); to imitate:—follow.	



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**Look back @ last
Sunday's text v. 14**



Philippians 3:14



- I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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**Imitate Paul's
passionate pursuit of
the prize of the upward
call of God.**



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**Paul tells the
church at Corinth
the same thing.**



1 Corinthians 4:16



- I urge you, then,
- be imitators of me.

1 Corinthians 11:1



- **Be imitators of me,
as I am of Christ.**



Imitate Defined

verb

- take or follow as a model.



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**We all need human
role models.**



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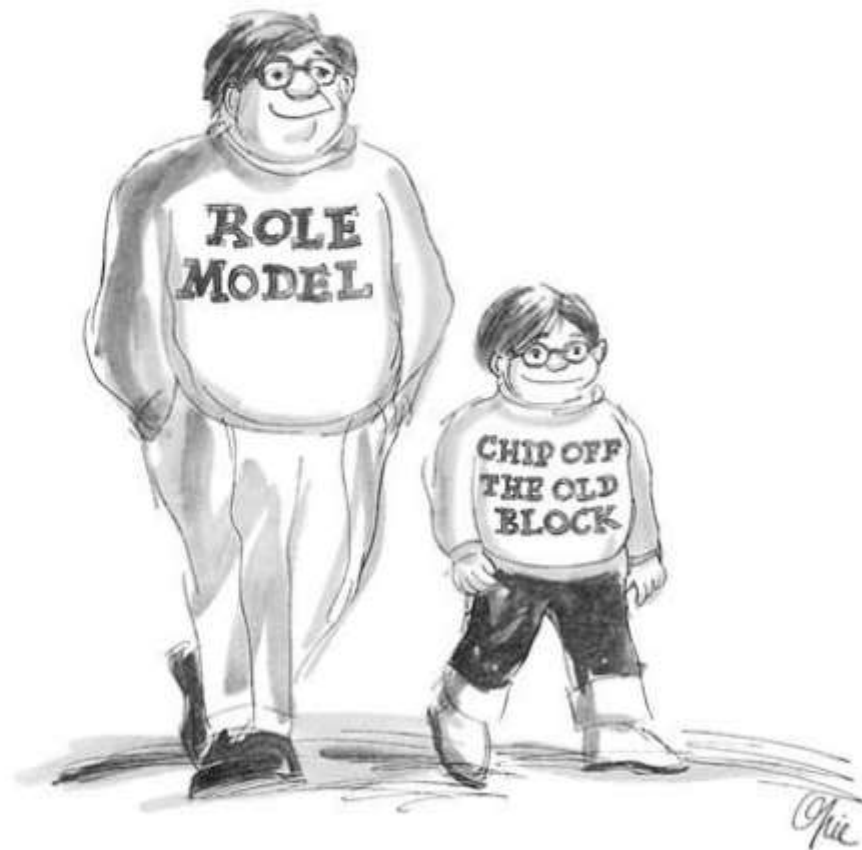
**Have you ever
considered what
kind of role model
you are?**



8 Tips on How to Be a Positive Jewish Role Model

What does it take to be a positive Jewish role model?

- **Talk Jewish:** Jewish talk is filled with kindness, caring, and concern for the poor, the widow, and the stranger. It involves more kvelling (praising) than kvetching (complaining). Talking Jewish is thoughtful and hopeful.
- **Show enthusiasm for learning:** As Am haSefer (people of the book), we value the contents of our





Talk Jewish:

Show enthusiasm for learning:

Read Jewish books and see Jewish-themed movies:

Involve yourself in social justice causes:

Plan a(nother) trip to Israel:

Sing along at services: The act of praying is an active experience. Engage your brain, move your lips, open your mind, and you may be inspired. Of course, first you need to go to services!

Give tzedakah to Jewish organizations: Jews believe that we have been given sufficient resources so that we may give generously to help others. Your investment in Jewish organizations and synagogues ensures that there will be a Jewish future.

Light Shabbat candles:

Next Sunday 6p



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**Are you correctly
modeling the behavior
you desire to see in
others?**



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Parents

Are you ok w/ your
children becoming
like you?



- Your devotion to God
- Your mouth and/or attitude
- Your faithfulness to Berean
- Your knowledge of the Bible
- Your integrity
- Your work ethic
- Your other (or self) centeredness
- Your humility



What you want to
ignite in others
must first burn
inside yourself.

Aurelius Augustinus



Ephesians 5:1



- **Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.**

What can I imitate of God?

I am not God.

Imitate

- God's love



Imitate

- God's love
- God's faithfulness



Imitate

- God's love
- God's faithfulness
- God's justice



Imitate

- God's love
- God's faithfulness
- God's justice
- God's patience



Imitate

- God's love
- God's faithfulness
- God's justice
- God's patience
- **God's kindness**



Imitate

- God's love
- God's faithfulness
- God's justice
- God's patience
- God's kindness
- **God's mercy**



Imitate

- God's love
- God's faithfulness
- God's justice
- God's patience
- God's kindness
- God's mercy
- **God's perfection**



Matthew 5:48

Jesus said:

- You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

But you say I can't be perfect.



Perfection

- We can strive for perfection
- We can seek to know perfection
- We can have moments of perfection
- We can handle things perfectly



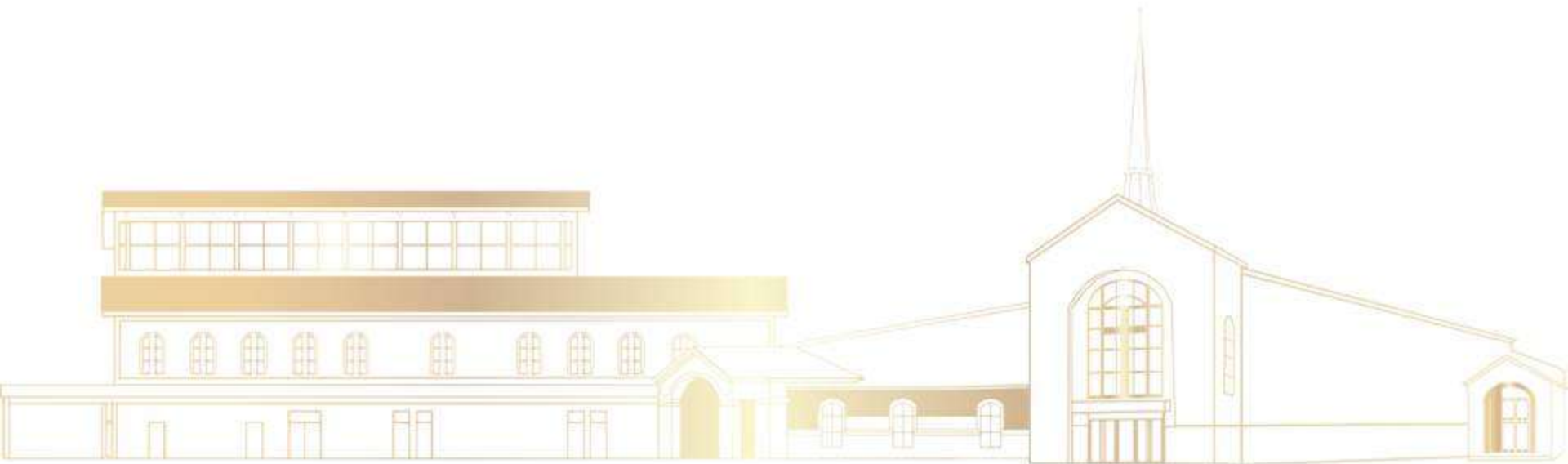
Philippians 3:17 (ESV)



- and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

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Examples, Examples
There are two kinds.



Example

**One that serves as a
pattern to be imitated
or one that serves as a
pattern not to be
imitated**



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**Yes. Jesus is the
Ultimate Example.**

**But Paul knew we
needed other examples.**





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SGT**



**GRN
M203
SPC**



**AR
M249
SPC**



**RFLM
PFC**



So does the US Army and Marine Corps.

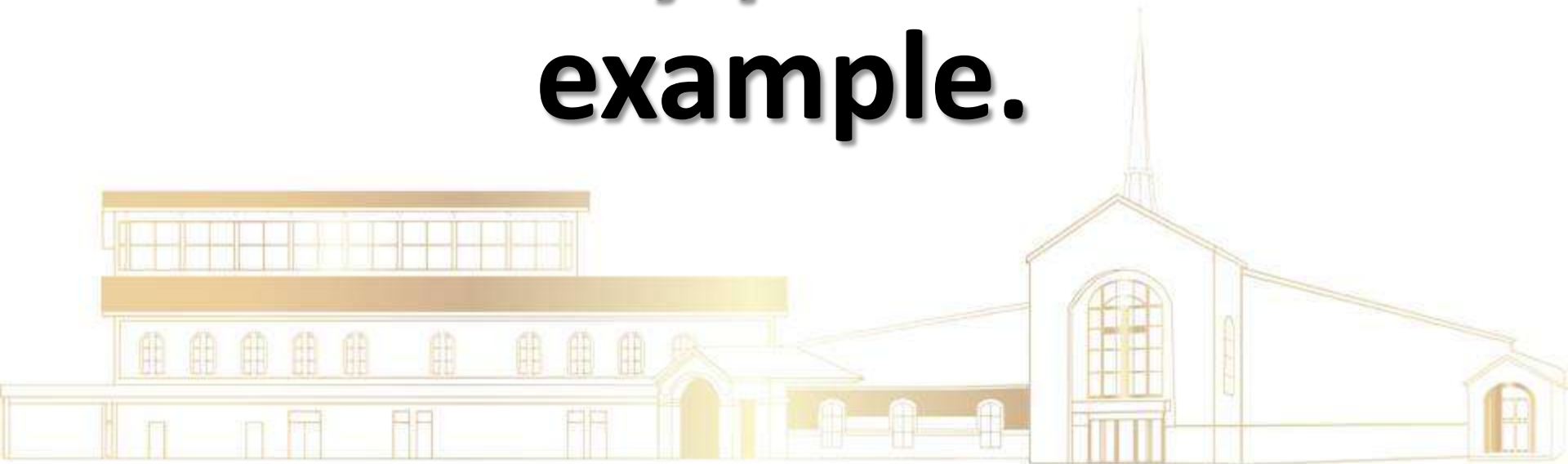
Field Manual 7-8 describes the infantry fire team leaders job like this:

f. Team Leader. This soldier is a fighting leader who leads by personal example



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**Jesus,
the ultimate leader,
led by personal
example.**



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Turn to John 13

Why are we going here?



³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."



¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.



**Why do you think
we make such a big
deal about
connecting w/
others @ Berean?**



Philippians 3:17 (ESV)



- **and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.**

The
apostle
Paul
would
agree
with this
message.

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**"HUSBANDS,
LOVE YOUR WIFE WELL!
YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOTICING
HOW YOU TREAT HER.
YOU ARE TEACHING YOUR SONS
HOW TO TREAT WOMEN AND
YOU ARE TEACHING YOUR DAUGHTERS WHAT
THEY SHOULD EXPECT FROM
MEN."**





See her (see his) work ethic.





Notice how they manage their money.

**It is hard to see
these things when
you are only w/ us 1
hour a week 3 times
a month.**



Watch the way they parent.



**Notice how they remain
committed to each other.**



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**Paul fully embraced
this way of life of
being an example.**



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Turn to

2 Thessalonians 3

v. 6-9



Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.



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**What did Paul
want others to
see as an
example?**





His Work Ethic

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Work Ethic

the principle that hard
work is intrinsically
virtuous or worthy of
reward.



**Paul
told
Young
Timothy
be an example**



1 Timothy 4:12

- Let no one despise your youth,
but **be an example** to
the believers

In 5 Areas



5 Areas to be an Example

- in speech (words)
- in conduct (actions)
- in love (for God & others)
- in faith (spiritual walk)
- in purity (personal holiness)



Philippians 3:18 (ESV)



- For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Philippians 3:19



- Their end is destruction,
- their god is their belly,

Philippians 3:19



- and they glory in their shame,
- with minds set on earthly things.

