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Philippians 1:12-30

When I was a child I was told to behave myself because "Somebody's always watching." I was never quite sure if they meant God or our neighbors. It may have been both, come to think of it.

What does it mean to "conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ"? Paul had just given his testimony from prison. Notice the words in Philippians 1:12-26 that clue us in to his attitude: "What has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel," "[I] have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear," "I am put here for the defense of the gospel," "The important thing is that . . . Christ is preached," "What has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance," "I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed," and "To live is Christ and to die is gain."

Certainly, a life lived with that kind of confident hope and eager expectation is worthy of the gospel of Christ. Paul could be counted among those who remembered "Somebody's always watching."

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