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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Philippians 3:12-21

The story is told that Leonardo da Vinci had started work on a large canvas in his studio. He chose the subject, planned the perspective, sketched the outline, and applied the color with his usual touch of genius. He worked hard and long, but suddenly he stopped. The painting was unfinished for some time. He called in one of his students and asked him to finish the painting. The student felt unworthy and incapable of finishing the piece for da Vinci. However, the great painter and teacher looked into the soul of the student and asked, "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" He had modeled for the student what needed to be done; it was now the student's turn to finish the job.

Paul understood and confessed that he was not perfect; the Philippians were not to follow in his failures or imperfections, nor in his achievements (3:12). His desire was that they should follow his example of following Jesus to the best of their human ability. They would continue the journey of faith and would become the teachers?the examples of faith.

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