

# Positive and Negative Role Models

## Philippians 3:17-4:1

### I. Introduction

A role model is a person whose behavior in a particular social setting is imitated by others.

### II. Negative Role Models (3:18-19)

A. Characterization: Enemies of the cross of Christ (3:18).

B. Conduct:

1. They are driven by their desires (3:19b; Romans 16:18).
2. They are proud of their open-mindedness (3:19c).
3. They are focused on earthly things (3:19d).

C. Destiny: Destruction (3:19a).

### III. Positive Role Models (3:10-17; 20-21)

A. Characterization: Heavenly citizens (3:20).

B. Conduct:

1. They live with an eternal perspective (3:20-21; Colossians 3:1-16).
2. They relentlessly pursue Christlikeness (3:17).
3. They are enthusiastically affirming (3:15-16; 4:1).

C. Destiny: Transformation (3:21).

### IV. Conclusion

A. Pray for one another that you will find godly Christians to imitate, that you will indeed follow their example and that you will increasingly become a godly Christian worth imitating.