

DISCIPLE *SHIFT*

Shifting Our Behavior
To Become More Like Jesus

CITIZEN *SHIFT*

- Philippians 3:17-21
- Philippi was a Macedonian city, but was also a Roman colony.
- Having Roman citizenship brought great advantages.
 - Right to vote.
 - Right to own property.
 - Freedom from certain taxes.
 - Couldn't be beaten/right to trial.
 - No agonizing death.

- **We May Need A Shift In Our Loyalty**
 - I take great joy in being an American!
 - How much more should I take in being a Christian?
 - Social issues consume the time and energy of some people.
 - Gun control, health care, immigration, public education, etc.
 - I wish we were as vocal about Jesus as we are social issues, political candidates, & in defending our political parties!

- **We May Need A Shift In Our Focus**
 - More attention needs to be given to heaven.
 - (Hebrews 11:10, 13-16).
 - (Philippians 3:19).
 - God is their belly.
 - Glory is their shame.
 - Set their mind on earthly things.
 - Don't get caught up just thinking about the here and now!
 - (Colossians 3:1-2).

- **We May Need A Shift In Our Security**
 - Our citizenship is not contingent on any earthly government.
 - Christianity can exist wherever it is planted.
 - The decline and degradation of a nation does not affect my heavenly citizenship.
 - The world has always been and will always be antagonistic toward Christianity.

**Take Great Joy In Being
A Citizen Of Heaven!**

**Whatever Privileges Your Earthly
Citizenship Affords You,
It Pales In Comparison To Heaven!**