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*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
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“For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.” – Philippians 3:18



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“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.” – Philippians 3:19



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*Never be afraid
to trust an unknown future
to a known God.*

~Corrie ten Boom~

