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PRESSING ON

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16



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- Philippians 3:12-16 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I **press on** to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead, 14 I **press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us (plural) hold true to what we have attained.





The Prize: “Christian Perfection”



- Christian perfection does not mean moral flawlessness or sinlessness.
- Christian perfection has a heart that *"is habitually filled with the love of God and neighbour" and as "having the mind of Christ and walking as he walked."*



- Major motivations for Paul to press on:
 - Firstly, Paul said that he had not attained the prize and so he wanted to keep pressing on for it.
 - Secondly, Paul said that it was because Christ had made the Apostle his own.



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TIP #10

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How to press on

- Forgetting what lies behind (not allowing past failures to discourage us; not allowing past success to make us arrogant).
- Straining forward to what lies ahead (recognise that it is going to be difficult, but build on what we have attained, press on and don't give up!)



Pressing on thru pandemic

- *“With God’s permission the enemy has sent poison and deadly dung among us, and so I will pray to God that he may be gracious and preserve us. Then I will fumigate and purify the air, and take medicine, and avoid places and persons where I am not needed in order that I may not abuse myself and that through me others may not be infected and inflamed with the result that I become the cause of their death through my negligence. If God wishes to take me, he will be able to find me. At least I have done what he gave me to do and am responsible neither for my own death nor the death of others. But if my neighbour needs me, I shall avoid neither person nor place but feel free to visit and help him” - Luther, 1527*