

Necessary steps in pursuing Christ

Philippians 3:12-14

Introduction

- 1 Forgotten the _____ you face; verses 1-3
- 2 Forgotten the _____ you possess; verses 4-8
- 3 Forgotten the _____ you enjoy; verses 9-11

Philippians 3:12 *Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

#1 Necessary D _____ - you are not perfect 12a

12a *Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect*

Revelation 3:1
Revelation 3:17
Revelation 2:9

2 Timothy 4:13 *When you come... bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments*

#2 Necessary D _____ - give it all you've got 12b

12b *but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus*

1 Corinthians 9:24 *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Aggressive Christianity!*

Colossians 1:29 *For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*

Romans 8:29a *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son*

2 Thessalonians 2:14 *It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Galatians 4:19 *My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you*

1 Corinthians 7:35 *...to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord*

Colossians 1:10 *so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God*

#3 Necessary D - stay on target 13

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead

Negatively, forgetting what lies behind

One: You need to forget your FAILURES

Two: You need to forget your SUCSESSES

Positively, reaching forward to what lies ahead

#4 Necessary D - to win the prize 14

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1-Stop _____ back and move forward

2-Do _____ part and run hard

John 15:5 for apart from Me you can do nothing.

1 Timothy 4:7 discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

3-Keep your _____ on Christ

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why does Paul list Philipians 3:12-14 here in this context?
- 2-Why must believers be dissatisfied in their walk with Christ? Why is it important?
- 3-What does it look like when believers are truly devoted to becoming like Christ?
- 4-Describe the different ways believers get trapped by the past.
- 5-How can the Christians of FBC truly passionately RUN THEIR RACE TO WIN?
- 6-How can you grow in your determination to become more like Christ in the way Paul describes in these verses?

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