

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“I Expect Him to Never be Satisfied”**

### **“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” – Pt. 11**

Philippians 3:12-16 & Selected

*“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14*

### **I must never be satisfied...**

#### **I. Because I have not reached the finish line yet.**

*“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have been made perfect.”  
Vs. 12a*

*“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.” 1 Corinthians 9:24*

#### **II. Because I have been bought at a very high price.**

*“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have been made perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.” Vs. 12*

*“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”  
1 Corinthians 6:19b-20a*

See 1 Peter 1:18-21

#### **III. Because the goal demands my continuous effort.**

*“...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.” Vs. 12*

*“Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:3*

*Jesus said, “If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” Matthew 16:24*

#### **IV. Because God calls me to focus my eyes on Him.**

*“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on.” Vs. 13-14a*

##### **The Importance of Focused Living...**

*“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Vs. 14*

- **Beware of obstacles that block your path.**
- **Allow “holy discontent” to set your pace.**
- **Forget the pain of failures in your past.**
- **Allow God to refresh you as you run for the prize.**

#### **V. Because Jesus is worthy of my total effort!**

*“Only let us live up to what we have already attained.” Vs. 16*