

EVERY MAN'S MISSION:

Pursue Jesus Christ

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Philippians 3:1–14 (NIV)

¹Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ²Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. ⁷But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰**I want to know Christ**—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

What is your life mission—what are you actually pursuing?

- **The Futile Pursuit—What I Once Pursued.** (1-6; Luke 12:16-21; Mark 8:36)
What if you succeed at the wrong mission?
- **The Wise Assessment—What I Now Value.** (7-9; Ecclesiastes 1:1–18; Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- **Mission Realignment—What I Now Want.** (10-11; Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:1-3; Psalm 27:4; Psalm 42:1)

Your mission shouldn't be to merely do more for Jesus; it is to know Jesus more and knowing Him changes everything!
"I want to know Christ"

- **Mission Strategy—What I'm Doing About It.** (12-14; Hebrews 12:1-2)

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