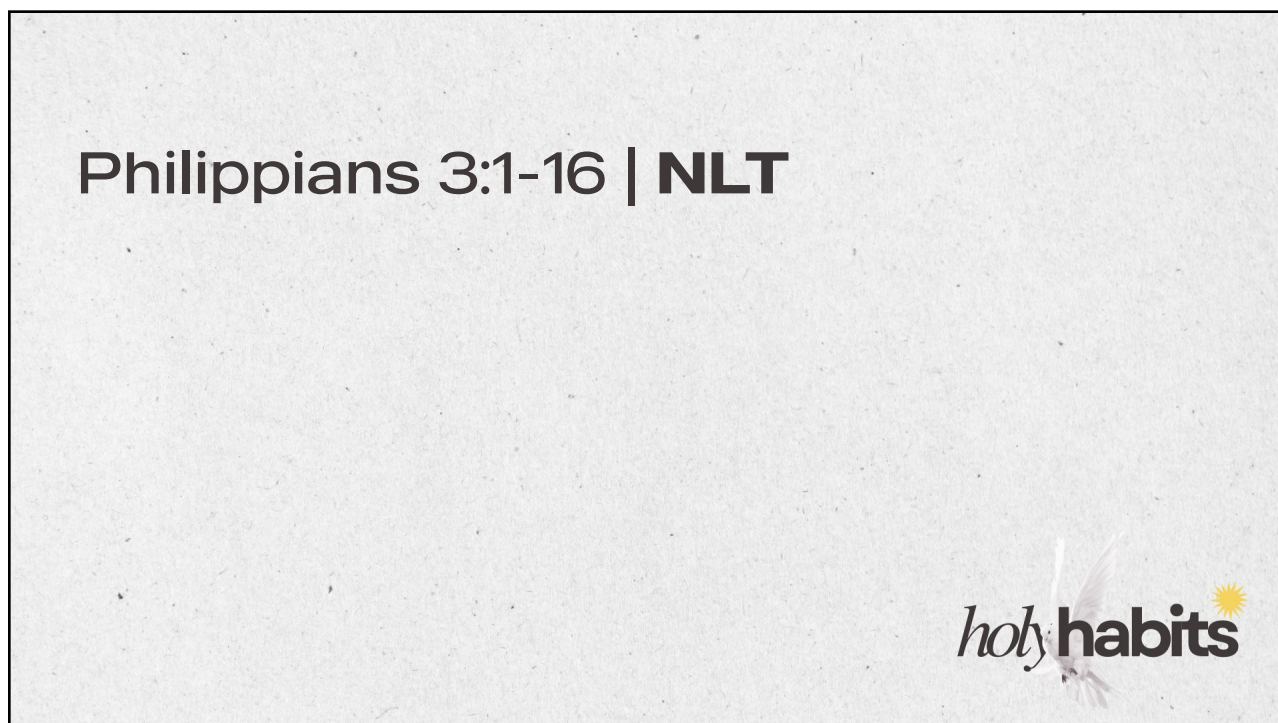




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Philippians 3:1-16 | **NLT**

¹ Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.



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² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved.



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³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us.

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We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

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⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one!

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I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

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⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.

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⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ

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⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

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¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

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¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

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¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing:

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Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ **I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize** for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

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¹⁵ **Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things.** If you disagree on some point, I believe **God will make it plain to you.** ¹⁶ **But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.**

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WHAT PAUL WAS REALLY SAYING

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[A] PAUL WAS SAYING

verses 2 - 3

- Watch out for those that preach a message of self-reliance
- Our hope rests in the finished work of Christ Jesus and the help of the Holy Spirit

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[B] PAUL WAS SAYING

verses 4 - 7

- Check my résumé, it's impeccable
- These once were my trophies, but now they are like trash

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[C] PAUL WAS SAYING

verses 10 - 12

- His greatest hope was becoming more like Jesus in every way
- He admits that he wasn't there yet, but that he was getting there through the help of the Holy Spirit

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[D] PAUL WAS SAYING

verses 13 - 14

- He's far from where he wanted to be in faith, but
- He wasn't looking back anymore, he was moving forward to all that the Lord had for him

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[E] PAUL WAS SAYING

verses 15 - 16

- Let all those mature in Christ would and should come to this understanding
- Those not there, God would help get there

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**“For the Apostle Paul,
worldly success wasn’t enough.
That it couldn’t really satisfy.
Yet through the help of
the Holy Spirit,
greater understanding
could be achieved.”**

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Ephesians 2:3 | ERV

**In the past all of us lived like that,
trying to please our sinful selves.
We did all the things our bodies
and minds wanted.**

(see Titus 3:3)



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**“You can’t live like hell
and expect to get all the best
of heaven.”**

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UNPACKING TWO TYPES OF PROGRESS



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Carnal or Earthly Progress is marked by:

- Worldly Wealth
- Flashy Possessions
- Bragging, Pride, & Arrogance
- Constant Striving
- Unyielding Inner Stress



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Divine or Eternal Progress is marked by:

- A Different Motivation
- Life Lived with Grace and Generosity
- Patience and Perseverance
- Kingdom Advancement
- Contentment and Joy



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**“True Christianity is not
having the best of both worlds.
Instead, it living with
one Kingdom in mind.”**

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Mark 8:36 | AMP

**For what does it benefit a man to
gain the whole world [**with all its
pleasures**], and forfeit his soul?**

**(see 1 John 2:15-17, Ecclesiastes
5:10, Proverbs 11:4,
Luke 12:15)**



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**Here's the truth beloved.
"Progress isn't always evidenced
by our possessions.
You can have a lot of stuff
and actually have nothing at all."**

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**MANY
FALL
INTO
THE
TRAP**



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“Scripture reveals that there is something far greater than worldly success, possessions, or applause from the culture. As Christians we’re called to something much more impactful.”

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“The world rewards prominence. God rewards faithfulness. Take this one to heart beloved.”

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**Grab this friends,
“The greatest life is not
the one that gains the most.
It’s actually the one that
gives the most.”**

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**“The world measures success
by what you gain.
Yet the Kingdom measures
success by what you surrender.”**

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HOW THE SPIRIT HELPS US

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Galatians 5:25 | **TLB**

If we are living now by the Holy Spirit's power, let us **follow the Holy Spirit's leading** in every part of our lives.

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**“The key to becoming
the person God created you to be
isn’t more willpower,
it’s more surrender.
It’s less dependence on yourself
and greater dependence
on the Holy Spirit.”**

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**“One path leads to frustration.
The other produces
transformation.”**

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**FIVE
QUESTIONS
TO
ASK
YOURSELF**

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[1]

**Ask yourself,
WHAT AM I TRULY
PURSUING?**

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[2]

**Ask yourself,
HOW DO YOU DEFINE
SUCCESS IN LIFE?**

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[3]

**Ask yourself,
WHO OR WHAT ARE YOU
DEPENDING ON MORE THAN
THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

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[4]

**Ask yourself,
WHERE IN YOUR LIFE IS
THE HOLY SPIRIT BEING
RESTRICTED, LIMITED, OR
HUSHED?**

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[5]

**Ask yourself,
IF THE LORD DESCRIBED YOUR
LIFE IN ONE WORD, WOULD IT
BE POPULAR, SUCCESSFUL,
SATISFIED, OR FAITHFUL?**

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**“The goal of the Christian life
is not to become
a stronger version of yourself;
it’s to become
a more surrendered version
of yourself.”**

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