

Press On!

Philippians 3:12-16

Key Understanding:

Our perfection in Christ is _____, meaning God views and treats us as _____. However...

_____, we are _____.

I press on... vs. 12-14

1. to _____ the perfection of Christ's _____
_____. v. 12b

"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." 1 Cor 9:24

"until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." Eph 4:13

2. by Christ's _____ to _____
_____. v.12c

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

3. because I know I have _____. v.13a

4. in spite of _____ and strive _____. v.13b

"Let your eyes look directly ahead And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. ²⁶Watch the path of your feet And all your ways will be established. ²⁷Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil." Prov 4:25-27

5. to one day hear, "_____." v.14

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸in 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." 2 Tim 4:7-8

3 Steps to being more like Christ v.15-16

1. Pursue an attitude that _____
Christlikeness. v.15a

"For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Cor 2:16

2. Put off attitudes that _____. v.15b
"Do not quench the Spirit" 1 Thess 5:19

3. Pursue Christlikeness by _____ practicing
_____. v.16

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..." Heb 12:1,2a