



## Pressing on in the Present

*Philippians 3:12-16*

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### CHRISTIAN PERFECTION?

Only those who understand their \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ are becoming spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

### ASPECTS OF GRACE

- v. 1-11, Paul's past: \_\_\_\_\_
- v. 12-16, Paul's present: \_\_\_\_\_
- v. 17-21, Paul's future: \_\_\_\_\_

The fact that Paul describes his imperfection should be great to every single one of us.

- Paul uses military and athletic metaphors to show us how \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ this life of becoming like Christ is.<sup>12</sup>

### FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND

- Paul forgets his \_\_\_\_\_ past, and sin and shame are no longer his \_\_\_\_\_.
- He forgets his \_\_\_\_\_ past, standing not on his \_\_\_\_\_ gains, but on \_\_\_\_\_ gains.

These military and athletic metaphors should give a Christian great \_\_\_\_\_.

### BECOMING MATURE

The very \_\_\_\_\_ that Paul describes in 3:10, that raised Jesus from the dead, is the same power at work in you to \_\_\_\_\_ the calling to follow Christ.

### PAUL'S REFRAIN

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1. Emulate those who are interested in the well-being of \_\_\_\_\_, not their \_\_\_\_\_. (2:19-21)
2. Emulate those who have \_\_\_\_\_ themselves in \_\_\_\_\_, not the untested upstart and the self-promoting peacock. (2:22-30)
3. Emulate those whose constant \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is in Christ Jesus and nothing else. (3:1-9)
4. Emulate those who are continuing to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually, not those who are \_\_\_\_\_. (3:10-16)

### PRESSING ON IN YOUR PRESENT

*How can you arrange your \_\_\_\_\_, and your \_\_\_\_\_, and your \_\_\_\_\_ to reflect this single-minded pursuit of Jesus Christ and his kingdom?*

### Philippians 3:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Not 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.<sup>13</sup> Brothers 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,<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.<sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.