

Pressing toward the goal!

Philippians 3:12-14



GRACE UPDATES – 2023-24

- Grace Bible Policy/Procedures Manual – still revising
- Grace Bible Elder Retreat – February
- Grace Bible Elder Training – School of the Shepherds
- Grace Bible Position Papers –
 - ‘Gender Identity’
 - Updating ‘Healing & Prayer’
 - ‘Marriage/Divorce & Leadership’
 - Homosexuality – 1998
- Grace Transition Plans – Pastor Mike



We are all replaceable

Our Mission – make disciple makers!

Reproducing ourselves:

- 1) as a believer sharing our faith
- 2) as a deacon training servers
- 3) as a shepherd mentoring shepherds

We are not getting any younger!

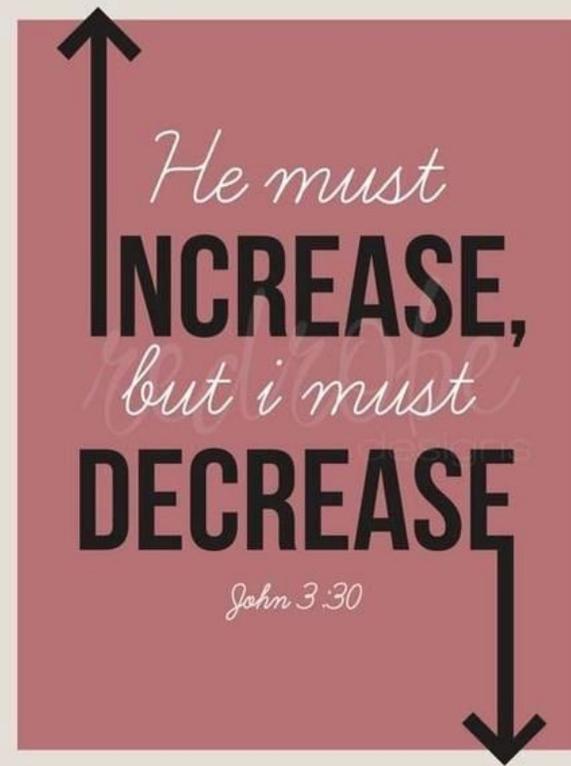
Our assignment is do what God has given to us.
Where He has placed us and to those He loves.

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

John Wesley

2018: 10-year plan beginning 2023

- 5 years of watching for God’s man (23-27)
- 5 years of searching for God’s man (28-32)



*“If you aim at nothing –
you are sure to hit it!”*



Php 3:12

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.



NOT FINISHED 12

- Far from perfect – without flaw? Complete!
- Far from finished – God is still working
- **What areas has God been working?**
- **What areas will you focus this year?**
- **What does 'complete' mean to you?**



*“Today’s act is more important
than tomorrow’s intent!”*



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NOT there yet 12

- Saul to Paul
- Old to New
- Dead to Alive
- **I was saved by love to love others**
- **Saved but not Satisfied!**
- **Salvation is the end of intro – Discipleship is the continuing story!**



*“The new year is not a calendar
to be filled nor a diary to be kept
but time to be shared to the glory
of God!”*



Php 3:13

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,



NOT looking back 13

- Not done yet – work in progress!
- ‘one thing I do’
 - ‘forgetting what lies behind’
 - ‘holy amnesia’
 - ‘reaching forward to what lies ahead’
- **If you chase 2 rabbits...**
- **What lies behind holding us back?**
- **What lies ahead causing us fear?**



*“Resolution One: I will live for God.
Resolution Two: If no one else
does, I **still will.**”*

Jonathan Edwards



Php 3:14

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



NOT home yet 14

- Pressing toward the goal
- 'the high calling of God in Christ Jesus' KJV
- **What goals are God's in your life?**
- **Is any goal 'higher'?**
- **We are not done until we are Home!**



“Of all persons the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. He has dealt with life at its source.” A.W. Tozer



Forget the past - (forgiven)
Face the future - (faith)
Focus on God!



