

PP&OL: Philippians 3:10-16 (ESV) – Goals for Growth

PP: *Philippians 3:10-16 “That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”*

PP&OL: Main Idea: The source of growth is knowing Jesus Christ and the goal of growth is becoming like Him.

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PP: [1Co 13:12 ESV] 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

PP: [Phl 3:20-21 ESV] 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

PP&OL: Growth goal #1: Experience the power and sufferings of Christ.

PP: [Rom 1:16 ESV] 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

PP: [1Co 1:18 ESV] 18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

PP: [1Co 2:2, 5 ESV] 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ... 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

PP: Romans 6:5 (ESV) 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

PP: Romans 8:17 (ESV) 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

PP: *[Phl 3:12 ESV] 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.*

PP&OL: Growth goal #2: Understand why Jesus has made you his own.

PP: [Eph 2:4-7 ESV] 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

PP: [1Jo 4:10-11 ESV] 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

PP: [Jas 2:5 ESV] 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

PP: [1Jo 3:2 ESV] 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

PP: [2Co 3:18 ESV] 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

PP: *[Phl 3:13-14 ESV] 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

PP&OL: Growth goal #3: Leave behind the past and press forward to the prize.

PP: [Phl 3:7 ESV] 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

PP: [Rom 8:28-29a ESV] 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son

PP: [Eph 5:7-10 ESV] 7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

PP: [Rom 12:2 ESV] 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

PP: Colossians 3:1 (ESV) 3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

PP: [Phl 3:15a ESV] 15 *Let those of us who are mature think this way*

PP&OL: Growth goal #4: Make growth a permanent mindset.

PP: [Luk 9:23 ESV] 23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

PP: [1Co 15:31 ESV] 31 I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

PP: [Act 17:11 ESV] 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

PP: [Heb 3:13 ESV] 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

PP: Hebrews 5:14 (ESV) 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

PP: [Phl 3:15b-16 ESV] 15b *and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.*

PP&OL: Growth goal #5: Accept that God oversees your growth, and the growth of others.

PP: [1Co 3:6 ESV] 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

PP: [Col 2:6-7 ESV] 6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

PP: [Col 2:19 ESV] 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

PP: [Heb 12:6, 10b ESV] 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ... 10 he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.