

# PHILIPPIANS

The Key to Joy (Hint: Jesus)



**LISTEN!** Who said, “Let go and let God?” I am not sure, but  
IT WAS NOT PAUL!



## A PRIMER ON CHRISTIAN GROWTH

- 1) Be clear about where I am in my spiritual progress.  
(v 12-13)
- 2) Because Jesus laid hold of me, I will press on to lay hold of intimacy with Him and maturity in Him.  
(v 12)
- 3) Forget both my failures and my successes of the past.  
(v 13)



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- 4) Reach forward/press to the goal of intimacy with Christ and maturity in him.
- 5) Motivate myself with the vision of my “upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (v 14)
- 6) Whatever my maturity level, adopt the attitude of striving toward greater maturity. (v 15)



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- 7) Strive to influence, but let God adjust the attitudes of those who are not striving. (v 15)
- 8) Keep striving. (v 16)



## CENTRAL TRUTH:

*The Christian life is continual striving... and so rewarding!*

**“SO WHAT?” FOR ME PERSONALLY?**



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