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Philippians 3:12-16
"Press On"

Principles And Practical Application

Paul wanted all to know that he had not arrived, there was much to be desired in his sanctification process to fulfill that which is mandated in **v 10**. He was a spiritual giant in the Philippian's eyes and he wanted them to know that to press on is necessary. Paul had been saved about 30 years prior, seen a lot, won many spiritual battles and still, he was not yet made perfect or "mature." As long as you live you should not plateau nor think that the stalemate you find yourself in is as far as you can go. Never stop learning and growing. Pray and press on.

Paul was still pressing on, pursuing that for which Jesus had taken hold of him. Paul refused to be controlled by his past or to be content with what he had achieved so far, it is always the next hill, the next hurdle, the next assignment. Forget what is behind and relentlessly center your energies on the course ahead. What matters is not where you've been but to get to the heights the Lord intends for you. Press on.

Christians are in varying stages in their progress and should be faithful to as much of God's truth as they understand. Constantly be tweaking your theology aiming for TRUTH. Pray, study the Word, serve, give, invest in the spiritual lives of others. Press on.

Vv 15-16 hold three movements: **(1)**Call to unity. **(2)**A warning of misconduct. **(3)**An exhortation to continue. *Richard R. Melick Jr.*

False teachers spewing legalism or liberalism around every corner. Paul pushed for unity in **v 16** addressing the church saying; you started on firm ground, stick with the truth. Ways to do this include: study the Word, pray, always strive to know Him.

Application:

Many people dabble in much, succeed in little. To be at one's best, in a race for example, one must be focused, singlemindedness must rule the day. To live the Christian life well one must be laser focused on what the Lord wants. Don't look back, the past is not relevant and cannot be changed anyway. What matters is what you do now. Paul made a break with his past, things good and bad. Instead, reaching forward like one straining his muscles in a race to the finish line, he pressed on. Run your race well so you can hear the words, well done My good and faithful servant. Press on!