

I Press On

Scripture Reference: Philippians 3:12-16

In this passage Paul uses pictures of a trained athlete straining for the prize.

1. "Not that I have already obtained it or have already become _____, but _____," V.12
 - A. I haven't _____ in full maturity (perfected) in CHRIST.
 - B. But I press on – like a _____ aggressively expending energy toward The Finish Line (_____).

2. "So that I may lay hold (_____) of that ... for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus." V.12
 - A. (Paul) HE laid hold of me _____. 1 John 4:19, Luke 19:10
" _____ " – John Wesley
 - B. Now for the rest of my life, I am tightening _____ every day on HIM; just a little more secure. Genesis 32:26

3. "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet," V.13
 - A. Why does Paul say, "Brethren?" Because we do this _____, as family.
 - B. (Steve) I want to be _____ in the LORD, but I will never be _____ in this Life.
 - C. Stop trying to be _____. (It is a _____) It is OK to not get it right. Admit it. But keep growing toward maturity and _____. Press On!

4. "But one thing ... I do" – Not _____ things, not _____ things.
 - A. How do you change your life? Answer: Focus on _____ that needs attention.
 - B. Give concentrated focus to what the Holy Spirit (the Helper) is addressing. John 16:7-11 _____.
 - C. Get a _____, then execute your plan with _____ effort, until you get the victory. James 2:26

5. "Forgetting what lies behind." Don't dwell on the _____ or the _____, The _____ or the Glorious, The _____ or The Miserable.
 - A. WHY? You cannot _____ – if you are stuck on the past.
 - B. YES, please _____ from the past. Let the LORD give _____ to your past trainwrecks. Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:15-21 - Joseph

C. Learn to be _____ for the past. But do not be tethered to the past.
D. The KEY to having _____ is to learn to _____. Psalm 90:12
E. The Holy Spirit and the consistent reading of the Word of GOD are the KEYS
to learning to be _____. (Not "brittle")

6. "And _____ (stretch, grow, strain) forward to what lies ahead."
A. What _____ is far more important than what is behind you.
B. _____ is made NOW. _____ are won NOW. Future
Wins/Successes are built on the _____ that you lay now.

7. "I _____," V.14
A. You can't give up. You can't _____. You can't bail on what GOD has made
you _____ for.
B. Will it be fun? Will it be easy? Will it be difficult? Is it _____?
C. IF you don't Press On ... what happens? _____.

8. "Toward the _____,"
A. Are Goals Biblical? _____. No Goals, _____ accomplished.
B. What is the greatest Goal: To be shaped into the _____.
Romans 8:29 As this happens, _____ that is good ... happens.

9. "For the _____" – What is the Prize?
A. There are great rewards in the _____. Mt. 6:20, Rev. 22:12,
1 Cor. 3:10-15, Mt. 16:27, 2 Cor. 5:10, 1 Cor. 2:9
B. And there are _____ rewards in this Life. These are not it.

10. "Of the _____ Call of GOD,"
A. _____ Believers are called by GOD to know him and serve HIM. 1 Peter 2:9
B. Why is it Upward? Because that is where the Call _____.
C. And it is the _____ you are being called to Move; _____
(to be better, stronger, more humble, more useful, more wise, more Christ-like)

11. "In CHRIST JESUS" Serving the King of all Kings ... is the
_____ of all.

