

**Philippians 3:12–14**

**The Goal For The Prize Of The Upward Call Of God**

**Review**

1. Counting what is loss and gain
2. Being found in Christ
3. Through and by faith
4. To know Christ

**Paul's proper perspective of his spiritual growth**

1. Not already attained  
“Not that I have already attained,” (Phil 3:12)
  - a. ελαβον... lambano... to take hold
  - b. Paul's perspective was that he had not already attained or taken hold yet.
2. Not already perfected  
“or am already perfected;” (Phil 3:12)
  - a. τετελειωμαι... teleioo... complete, finish, perfect
  - b. Also not that Paul have already been completed and perfected in his spiritual growth.
3. Not already apprehended  
“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended;” (Phil 3:13)
  - a. λογιζομαι... logizomai... reason, to consider, to count
  - b. κατειληφεναι... katalambano... A stronger word than lambano... to seize, to apprehend
4. Forgetting those things behind  
“But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind...” (Phil 3:13)
  - a. επιλανθανομενος... epilanthanomai... to neglect, to forget
  - b. Paul sought to forget continuously the things which were behind

**The challenge to press on**

1. Press on  
“but I press on,” (Phil 3:12)
  - a. διωκω... dioko... pursue, follow after, press forward

b. Paul sought to press on

2. Reaching forward

“and reaching forward...” (Phil 3:13)

a. επεκτεινομενος... epekteinomai... to stretch forward, to reach forth

b. To forget those things behind and to reach forward.

3. Press toward

“I press toward” (Phil 3:14)

a. διωκω... dioko... pursue, follow after, press forward

b. Pressing on is not just a decision at a point in time but to keep pressing on

### **The goal for the prize of the upward call of God**

1. What Christ has laid hold of us

“that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.” (Phil 3:12)

a. καταλαβω... katalambano... A stronger word than lambano... to seize, to apprehend

b. κατεληφθην... katalambano... to seize, to apprehend

c. Paul sought to lay hold of Christ

2. The things which are ahead

“and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,” (Phil 3:13)

a. Paul was no longer focusing on the past... whether failures or success

b. He was seeking to reach forward to the further knowledge of Christ in the future

3. The goal of the prize of the upward call of God

“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil 3:14)

a. The call of God

b. Upward

c. Seen as a goal

d. Prize

e. In Christ Jesus