

## Philippians 3:10 (HCS)

<sup>10</sup> My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...

## Philippians 3:12 (HCS)

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already reached [the goal] or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

## Philippians 3:13-14 (HCS)

<sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

**NEVER Dwell on  
the PAST**

**Philippians 3:12-21**

Paul was a spiritual giant in the eyes of the Philippian believers, so he wanted them to know that **he had not yet attained the GOALS** stated in vs 10. He was still actively pressing on towards them.

# **ONE THING I DO:**

**Forgetting** what is behind

**Straining** toward what is ahead

Acts 8:3 (NIV)

But Saul **began to DESTROY the church**. Going from house to house, he **dragged off men and women** and put them in prison.

Acts 9:1-2 (NIV)

...Saul was **still breathing out murderous threats** against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest<sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus...



1 Timothy 1:13-14 (NIV)

Even though **I was once a blasphemer**  
and a **persecutor** and a **violent man**,  
**I was shown MERCY** because I acted  
in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The  
**GRACE of our Lord** was poured out on  
**me abundantly**, along with the faith  
and love that are in Christ Jesus.

→ Do not let the **PAST**  
get in the way of **KNOWING**  
and  
**GROWING** in **Jesus**

# ONE Thing I DO -

- **FORGET** the Past
- Push towards the **GOAL**
- Press on to Win the **PRIZE**

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

→ **As we Run Remember we have a  
Cheering Section**

<sup>1</sup>...Since **WE are surrounded** by  
such a great cloud of witnesses

→ **Before we Run THROW OFF  
Everything that Gets in the WAY**

<sup>1</sup> ... since we are surrounded by such  
a great cloud of witnesses, let us  
**throw off everything that hinders**  
and the sin that so easily entangles

## → Run with PERSEVERANCE

<sup>1</sup>...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance



## →Run the COURSE set Before YOU

<sup>1</sup> ...let us throw off everything that hinders  
and the sin that so easily entangles,  
and let us run with perseverance  
the race marked out for us.

→ **As we Run our Race we must  
FOCUS on JESUS**

<sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,  
the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy set before Him  
endured the cross, scorning its shame,  
and sat down at the right hand  
of the throne of God.



Godliness is a  
**JOURNEY**  
- not -  
a **DESTINATION**

Christians should **NEVER** be satisfied  
with yesterday's **GRACE**.

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James 4:17 (HCS)

So **it IS a SIN** for the person who  
**knows to DO what is GOOD**  
and **doesn't DO it.**

James 4:17 (NLT)

Remember, **it IS SIN**  
to **KNOW what you OUGHT to DO**  
and then **NOT DO it.**

→ It is more than just **NOT Doing Wrong**  
- it is also  
purposely **DOING** what is **RIGHT**

1 Corinthians 11:1 (HCS)

**Imitate me, AS I also imitate Christ.**

Paul had received **God's Mercy** that he might **become a PATTERN** for others.

His life after his conversion was dedicated to **SHOWING** others **HOW** a Christian should live.



For them, the important things in life were food, clothing, honor, comfort, and pleasure. Eternal issues and heavenly things did not disturb their **groveling** in the **muck** of this world. They carried on as if they were going to live on earth forever. BKC

## **ENEMIES of the CROSS**

**DESTINY** is Destruction

**APPETITES** are their  
god

**PROUD** of Shameful  
Lifestyle

**FOCUSED** on Here and  
Now

## **CITIZENS of Heaven**

We **BELONG** to Jesus

We Wait Eagerly for His  
**COMING**

We **LONG** to be  
Transformed

He **WILL** Reign in  
**POWER**

Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)

...you who were once FAR AWAY  
from God. You were His ENEMIES,  
**SEPARATED** from Him by your evil  
thoughts and actions.

<sup>22</sup> **YET NOW** He has reconciled you  
to Himself through the death of Christ...

Titus 3:3-7 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> **Once WE, TOO**, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became **slaves to many lusts and pleasures**. Our lives were **full of evil** and envy, and we **hated** each other.

<sup>4</sup> **BUT** When **God our Savior** revealed

His kindness and love,

<sup>5</sup> **He SAVED us**, not because of the

righteous things we had done,

but because of **His MERCY...**

<sup>5</sup> ...He washed away our sins,  
**giving us a new birth and new life**  
through the Holy Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> **He generously poured out the Spirit**  
upon us through  
Jesus Christ our Savior.

<sup>7</sup> Because of **His grace**  
**He DECLARED us RIGHTEOUS**  
and gave us **CONFIDENCE**  
that we will inherit eternal life.