Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

Philippians 3:12 (NLT)

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

Philippians 3:13 (NLT)

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

Philippians 3:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

No TURNING Back

Philippians 3:12-16

3:10 I want to **KNOW** Christ and the **POWER** of His resurrection and the **FELLOWSHIP** of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His **DEATH**...

No present achievement could lull Paul into thinking he already **POSSESSED ALL**Christ desired for him. Expositors

There must **NEVER** be a **stalemate** in their **spiritual growth** or a plateau beyond which they cannot climb. BKC

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

...we must ALL appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

...ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING what is behind... 3:13

There should be a continual **FORGETTING** of **what is behind**, and a **relentless centering** of our energies and interests on the course that is ahead. Expositors

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 ² 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. ¹⁴ 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 your walk with Jesus

ONE thing I DO

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

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

¹ 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)

² 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

1...we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses

→ Before we run THROW OFF Everything that Gets in the WAY

¹ ...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles

→ Run with PERSEVERANCE

1 ...let us run with perseverance

→ Run the COURSE set Before YOU

¹... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

→ As we Run our Race we must FOCUS on JESUS

² Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus...**

²Let 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 - spiritual Maturity IS a JOURNEY not a DESTINATION

3:16 But we must HOLD ON TO the progress we have already made. (NLT)

Christians should NEVER be satisfied with yesterday's GRACE. DA Carson

Most Christians live far below their position IN Christ.

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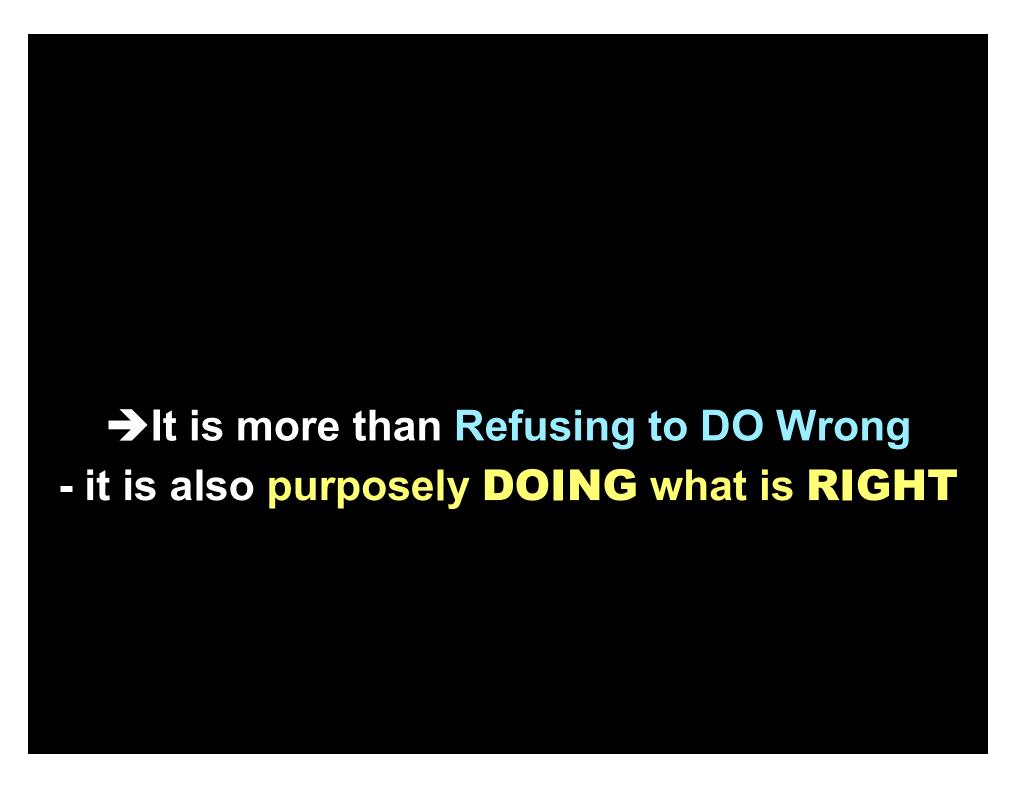
(NLT)

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.



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¹²...but I **press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

12 ... I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made ME His own. ESV



I want to know You - I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You MORE
I want to touch You - I want to see Your face
I want to know You MORE