

# GRACE AMBASSADORS

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## With Our Eyes on the Prize

Working for the high calling from a low place

### Purpose:

Motivating us to live with determination towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God.

***“For I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”***

**- Phil 3:14**

### Outline:

1. Beware of dogs – Gal 5:14-15, 2 Cor 11:13-14, Titus 1:10
  - a. Who are the concision? – Gal 2:4
2. No confidence in the flesh –
  - a. Our flesh is incapable – Gal 3:1-3
  - b. Not a license for wimps – Rom 8:37, Eph 6:10, 1 Cor 16:3, 1 Cor 9:11, Phil 4:15-17, Phm 1:21, Gal 5:10, 2 Cor 9:4
  - c. Paul’s lack of confidence – Phil 3:3-6
3. The things counted loss – Phil 3:7-8
  - a. It is not an either-or it is a value statement – Gal 5:1-4
  - b. What we will win – Phil 3:9, Rom 10:2-3
  - c. The better value – Phil 3:9-11,
  - d. ‘That I may know him’ Rom 8:17, Col 1:24, Rom 6:3-5
4. The things we apprehend
  - a. Forgetting the past – Eph 2:12, 2 Cor 5:17
  - b. Towards the mark – Phil 1:21, 2 Tim 1:9, 1 Thess 4:3,4
  - c. The prize – Sanctification, perfection, eternal glory Rom 8:17-18, 23; 2 Thess 2:13-14, 1 Thess 2:19
    - i. Those that are Perfect - 1 Cor 2:6, Col 1:28, Col 2:10, Col 3:16 2 Tim 3:16-17,
5. The evil workers
  - a. ‘end is destruction’ - 2 Cor 11:15 - Rev 21:8 - Rom 16:17-18, 2 Tim 4:14
  - b. ‘God is their belly’ - Titus 1:10-12-4
  - c. ‘glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things’ - Col 2:20-3:3
  - d. Earthly things:
    - i. What they are not: books, computers, clothes, etc..
    - ii. What they are: sinfulness, fornication, wickedness, rebellion, etc.
6. Our focus: heavenly things
  - a. What they are not: clouds, angels, harps, hymnals, etc...
  - b. What they are: kindness, longsuffering, meekness, peace, joy, love
  - c. Our joy and crown – Phil 4:1, 1 Thess 2:19
  - d. Single minds, Paul encourages men to stay focused – Col 3:22-24, Phil 1:27, 2:2, Eph 4:4
  - e. We run the race in our daily lives, our careers, with our wealth, and our pursuit of life everlasting. But the end is not on earth; it is for the glory of God in Christ in heavenly places, a high calling.