

**“Pressing Toward the Prize”**

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Philippians 3:12-16

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**Introduction:**

- A. If the devil can't get us to serve on his side, then he considers it a great victory to cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.
- B. But what a great contrast and defeat is it for the devil when a Christian is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually.
- C. The Apostle Paul was that kind of Christian, he was certainly alive and awake, and he was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to grow.
- D. In the previous section, Paul used an \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor.
- E. In today's section, Paul uses an \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor.

**I. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12-13)**

- A. Sanctified dissatisfaction is essential for making \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian race.
- B. A person who becomes spiritually satisfied and comfortable becomes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13-14)**

- A. We must be devoted to a singular \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is a secret to influence and effectiveness.

**III. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13-14)**

- A. We must keep our eyes focused in the right direction which is on the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. John Landy's mistake was \_\_\_\_\_, so Roger Bannister won.
- C. If we focus on our past mistakes and sins, then we will be immobilized by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Focusing on the past can trip us up by resting on our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:13-14)**

- A. The word that Paul used for “straining toward” is a very vivid word used for \_\_\_\_\_ going all out for the finish line.
- B. Let's be determined to strain toward the goal by employing God's \_\_\_\_\_, not our own (Col. 1:29).

**V. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (3:15-16)**

- A. “Living up to what we have already attained” is a phrase that speaks of consistent living that is the result of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We have to continue to practice \_\_\_\_\_ discipline or we will lose the \_\_\_\_\_ ground we have gained.

**Conclusion:**

- A. I wish we could say that those who do not finish the Christian race was only \_\_\_\_\_ percent, but I'm afraid it is much higher than that.
- B. The reasons and causes include being led \_\_\_\_\_, lulled to \_\_\_\_\_, or giving up.
- C. That wasn't the case for Paul (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

Answer Key: Intro.A. fall, asleep. B. alive, awake. C. committed, eager. D. accounting. E. athletic. I. Dissatisfied. I.A. progress. I.B. proud, lazy. II. Devoted. II.A. goal. II.B. concentration. III. Directed. III.A. present, future, past. III.B. looking, back. III.C. guilt, regret. III.D. achievements, accomplishments. IV. Determined. IV.A. runners. IV.B. power. V. Disciplined. V.A. discipline. V.B. spiritual, spiritual. Concl.A. 2. B. astray, sleep.