

ONE THING I DO:

Phil. 3:12-21

INTRODUCTION:

- A. What is your main goal for this life?
- B. Paul had a goal and it was to know Christ and to obtain the resurrection of the dead (Phil. 3:7-11).
- C. This is a worthy goal but how do we go through life always pressing on toward the goal of knowing Christ and being with Him in heaven?

REALIZE YOU HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET (Phil. 3:12)

- A. Paul previously mentioned everything he gave up for the sake of knowing Jesus (Phil. 3).
- B. Paul was pressing on to the goal of fulfilling the purpose the Lord had for him (Acts 9:15; 26:16-18).
- C. We should never be content when it comes to where we are spiritually. Always strive to grow (2 Pet. 3:18).

BEWARE OF DISTRACTIONS (Phil. 3:13)

- A. We are so busy that often times we get distracted from what's really important because we are focused on less important things (Matt. 6:33; Lk. 2:49).
- B. Success can be a distraction (Phil. 3:7-11; 2 Cor. 11:22-33).
- C. Failure can be a distraction (Phil. 3:6; Acts 8:3; I Tim. 1:15).

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE (Phil. 3:13b-14)

- A. Paul strained forward (pressed on) to the goal (prize).
- B. The athletes in Paul's day would receive a crown of laurel leaves that quickly faded away. Paul was looking forward to a prize that would never fade away (I Cor. 9:24-25; I Pet. 1:3-4).
- C. Paul understood where his citizenship was; it was in heaven (Phil. 3:20).

LOOK TO THE EXAMPLE OF OTHER BELIEVERS (Phil. 3:17-19).

- A. Too often when it comes to living and making decisions we look to the example of unbelievers.
- B. Paul said to follow Him even as he also followed Christ (I Cor. 11:1).
- C. Paul told the young Timothy to set an example for the believers (I Tim. 4:12).

CONCLUSION:

- A. What is your goal for when your life is all said and done? What do you hope to have gained?
- B. If you desire to have everlasting life you must live every day of your life pressing on toward that goal.
- C. No one will end up living eternally in heaven by accident.