



# What Is the Goal of Your Life?

## Philippians 3:12-16

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**INTRODUCTION** — What are you aiming for?

Paul's Concern ... Why he penned verses 12-16

Paul's Commitment ... What he wants us to do

*The "Already" and "Not Yet"*

**LESSON** – What Is the Goal of Your Life? (3:12-16)

### I. THE PURPOSE FOR PURSUING THE PRIZE

*Why should I pursue Christ as the goal of my life?*

- It **GLORIFIES** God.
- It **CONFIRMS** salvation.
- It is a good **TESTIMONY**.
- It provides **ASSURANCE**.
- It spares unnecessary **SORROW**.
- It protects the cause of Christ from **REPROACH**.

## II. THE PROOF OF PURSUING THE PRIZE vs. 12-16

*How would I know if I am pursuing Christ as the goal of my life?*

- There is a holy **DISSATISFACTION** within you. (v. 12a)

*“Not that I have already **obtained** it or have already become **perfect** ...”*

- There is a holy **DETERMINATION** about you. (v. 12b)

*“... but I **press on** also that I **may lay hold of that** for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.”*

- There is a holy **DISCIPLINE** that defines you. (v. 13)

*“Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; **but one thing I do: forgetting** what lies behind and **reaching forward** to what lies ahead,”*

- There is a holy **DESIRE** that burns in you. (vs. 14-15)

*“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as **many as are perfect**, have this **attitude**; and if in anything you have a different attitude, **God will reveal** that also to you;”*

- There is a holy **DEDICATION** in your walk. (v. 16)

*“however, let us **keep living by that same standard** to which we have attained.”*