

Philippians 3:12-21

5 Actions to Perform in View of the Eternal Goal

1. Pursue the Goal (vv. 12-14)

- The motivation (v. 12)
- Not looking back but straining forward (v. 13)
- The prize (v. 14)

2. Focus on the Goal (vv. 15-16)

- Thinking (v. 15)
- Doing (v. 16)

3. Follow Goal Chasers (v. 17)

- 2 commands:
 - Imitate Paul
 - Observe others

4. Flee from Goal Losers (vv. 18-19)

- Enemies of the cross
 - Their end is _____
 - Their god is _____
 - They glory in their _____
 - Their minds are set on _____

5. Have Confidence in the Goal (vv. 20-21)

- Present reality (v. 20)
- Future reality (v. 21)

Application of Phil 3:12-21

1. Reflect on Christ ‘making you His own’ (v. 12) and pray this will motivate you to pursue knowing Him.
2. Is there anything from your past that is holding back your relationship with God and living for Him? Paul says we are to leave this behind (v. 13)
3. How do you respond to someone who has a minor theological difference than you (v. 15)? Are you confident the Lord will work in your life and theirs so you all accept His truth in time?
4. Are you someone that could say “imitate me” in how you live out your Christian faith (v.17)? If not, where and how do you need to grow to reach this point?

Reading this week: Read Phil chapter 3 each day this week.