

PRESS ON TO THE GOAL

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

Christian’s must live in the future tense dwelling in a constant state of readiness. We must daily strive for heaven! “With that said, here is an outline of three paragraphs which emphasize attributes with Bible references in attaining the goal of reaching Heaven. Blessings received in this study will be forever lasting, and that is a promise, (WTR).”

1. PRESS ON TO THE GOAL by living a Christ-like life (Colossians 3:1-4).
 - a. Consider the PRICE that was paid for us, please read and study all cited scriptures) (1 Corinthians 6:19-20); Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19).
 - b. Consider the STEPS that were left for us, (1 Peter 2:21; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ruth 1:16).
 - c. Consider the MIND that is available to us, (Philippians 2:5). Cf. Proverbs 23:7; Philippians 4:8.
2. PRESS ON TO THE GOAL by living faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). The Bible speaks of weak, little, much, great and strong faith.
 - a. Saving faith is a living faith, (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:20).
 - b. Living faith is personal, purposeful and profitable (Philippians 1:21). *“For to ME to LIVE IS CHRIST and to die is GAIN.”*
 - c. Active faith is *“... steadfast, unmovable, always abounding”* (1 Corinthians 15:58)
3. PRESS ON TO THE GOAL as a doer of the word, not just a hearer (James 1:17-25).
 - a. God’s Word is a precious gift (v.17; 1 Samuel 3:1, rare= precious; John 1:41; Luke 15:8-10; Matthew 13:45-46).
 - b. God’s Word must be received (v.21; Acts 17:11).
 - c. God’s Word will save and bless (vs.21, 25; Acts 20:32).

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