

Philippians 3:12-21

<u>New International Version (NIV)</u>	<u>English Standard Version (ESV)</u> Straining Toward the Goal	<u>New King James Version (NKJV)</u> Pressing Toward the Goal
<p>¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.</p> <p>¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,</p> <p>¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.</p> <p>¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,</p> <p>¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>¹² Not that I have already attained,^[a] or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.</p> <p>¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have ^[b]apprehended; but one thing <i>I do</i>, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,</p> <p>¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.</p>
Following Paul's Example		
<p>¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.</p> <p>¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.</p>	<p>¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.</p> <p>¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.</p>	<p>¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.</p> <p>¹⁶ Nevertheless, to <i>the degree</i> that we have already ^[c]attained, let us walk by the same ^[d]rule, let us be of the same mind.</p>

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		Our Citizenship in Heaven
<p>¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.</p> <p>¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.</p> <p>¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.</p> <p>²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.</p>	<p>¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.</p> <p>¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.</p> <p>¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.</p> <p>²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.</p>	<p>¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.</p> <p>¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, <i>that they are</i> the enemies of the cross of Christ:</p> <p>¹⁹ whose end <i>is</i> destruction, whose god <i>is their</i> belly, and <i>whose</i> glory <i>is</i> in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.</p> <p>²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.</p>
		<p>Footnote:</p> <p>a. Philippians 3:12 <i>obtained it</i></p> <p>b. Philippians 3:13 <i>laid hold of it</i></p> <p>c. Philippians 3:16 <i>arrived</i></p> <p>d. Philippians 3:16 <i>NU omits rule and the rest of v16.</i></p>