

## **Press On: Pursuing the Prize of the Christian Life**

### **Philippians 3.12-21**

**Book Theme** – Joyful Christian Living

**Book Key Verse** – Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

**Lesson Key Verse** - Philippians 3:14 - I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Lesson Theme** – The Christian that has properly reevaluated their life will actively pursue sanctification and the righteousness God promises to those who love Him.

#### **Nine Aspects of Our Pursuit of Sanctification**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (12a)**

“not that I have already attained it”

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (12b)**

“I press on”

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (13)**

“forgetting what lies behind, reaching forward to what lies ahead”

**4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (14)**

“toward the goal for the upward call”

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (15)**

“have this attitude”

**6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (16)**

“keep living by that same standard”

**7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (17)**

“follow my example”

**8. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Pursuit (18-19)**

“for many walk”

**9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pursuit (20-21)**

“our citizenship is in heaven”

**Questions to Consider:**

1. Is there anything in your life for which you expend more effort or energy, or to which you provide more enthusiasm than knowing and being like Jesus Christ?
2. Do you spend your Christian life living a life of regret about what's happened in the past?
3. Do you spend your life focusing on the prize? Do you ever think about the prize?
4. Do I truly have the kind of attitude that Paul has?
5. Whose example in this life do I follow? Are they following the example of Paul or a different example?
6. Do you believe that “to live is Christ, and to die is gain”?