

12. The gospel of grace doesn't remove what?
13. We live a righteous life out of a love for God and a passionate desire to what?
14. The passage in Philippians 3 strikes a crushing blow to what doctrine?
15. Spiritual growth begins with the awareness that you haven't what?
16. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; For they shall be what?"
17. At salvation, our knowledge of Christ is what?
18. What are three Old Testament passages that show a similar attitude as Paul's here in Philippians 3?
19. Paul had experienced the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus when Christ gave him new life and raised him to what?
20. Paul wanted to experience more of that resurrection power every day of his life as he did what?
21. One of God's most effective methods of sanctifying us is to use what in our lives?
22. In His death, the Lord Jesus exemplified what two things?
23. Verse 11 possibly is saying that Paul is giving his all to the task of sanctification with the goal of achieving what?
24. The way Paul parallels "attained" and "perfected" in v.12 shows that what he is saying in v. 11 is that he is striving for what?
25. What was Paul NOT content with?
26. My friend, are you satisfied with where you are in your spiritual progress?
27. Paul had a "sanctified" what?
28. Christ lays hold of us to make us what?
29. Can you say that the number one issue in your life is spiritual growth?
30. Paul wasn't double-minded. He pursued what?
31. If you want to run the race successfully then you have to do what?
32. If you hold on to the good in your past then the tendency is to do what?
33. Older saints, have you stepped into coast mode and stopped running the race?
34. What is deadly to spiritual progress?
35. If you hold onto the bad things in your past it does what to you?
36. Why could Paul have been paralyzed by his own past?
37. "I press toward the goal" seems to be a synonym for what?
38. Having the same desire for spiritual growth, like Paul's desire, is a mark of what?
39. Is it okay biblically to follow human examples?
40. The "cloud of witnesses" (in Hebrews 11) is a reference to men and women who left us what?
41. Are you distracted and self-satisfied and apathetic and complacent?
42. Verse 16 is a call for what?
43. Are you sidetracked?

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Pressing On

- 1) Read Philippians 3.
- 2) Describe the most demanding time of physical training that you have experienced in your life?
- 3) In his Sermon, Pastor Bryan said, "Spiritual growth begins with the awareness that you haven't arrived." Examining your own life, in what ways are you aware of your own shortcomings in your walk with Christ?
- 4) Review Matt 5:6, Ps 42:1-2, Ps 63:1-2, and Ex 33:13. What is the common thread in all these passages?
- 5) Review I John 3:2-3. According to these verses, what should motivate us to live a godly life?
- 6) Review II Cor 7:1. Why should we work to root out sin in our lives? What does "these promises" refer to?
- 7) As Christians, how can our past years of service to Christ or our past years of sinfulness be debilitating to growth in Christlikeness? (See Phil 3:13)
- 8) Review Phil 3:15-16. According to this passage, what should we do when we lose our zeal in pursuing sanctification whole-heartedly?
- 9) At GBC we believe that Community Groups provide a unique opportunity for spiritual growth. List one or two practical ways in which your Community Group can help you grow spiritually?

Sermon Prep:

Read Matthew 18.

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PRESSING ON

Philippians 3:10-16

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Pressing On." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What kind of imagery did Paul use to describe the Christian life?
2. In I Corinthians 9:24-27 Paul describes the Christian life as what two things?
3. In I Timothy 6:10-12, Paul used the picture of what two sporting events to describe what it's going to take to be effective in the Christian life and ministry?
4. What three analogies did Paul use in 2 Timothy 2:2-6?
5. When Paul looked back over his life, he saw his life as what (2 Timothy 4:7-8)?
6. The write of Hebrews describes the Christian life like a what?
7. In Philippians 3:4-9, Paul stated that he was more than willing to trash all of his own credentials for what?
8. In fact, he saw his own achievements as what?
9. Paul came to know Christ and He received what?
10. It is easy to get what once God has saved you?
11. Have you become complacent simply because you thought that salvation was the end, rather than the beginning?

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