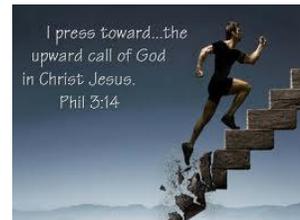


"PRESS YOUR WAY"

Philippians 3:14 - I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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For those of you who drive or have ever driven a car ... have you ever noticed that when you get in your car, turn the key or press the button to start your ignition, and put it in drive or reverse, depending on the way you're parked, that you look or at least should look in your rear view mirror just before you drive off? The objects in your rear view mirror are much smaller compared to what's in front of you when you look through the windshield. The further away you move from what's behind you, the smaller it appears until you can no longer see it at all. There are two reasons that you do that: 1) To see what's coming up from the rear so you do not pull out too soon and cause an accident, 2) To take one final look at where you were before you get to where you're going. The last thing you see is what you're leaving behind. When you choose to follow Christ, there are some people, some places and some practices that need to be forgotten!

In order to receive the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, there are three things you must do: FORGET the things behind you ... It is very difficult to move forward while looking back. Your past is exactly that; your past. It is something that has already happened or something that has come and gone. Think about all of the things that you're holding on to from your past that is keeping you from future – your father may have walked out on you; your mother may have died when you were young; your sibling stole the love of your life; you were fired from your job; your home foreclosed, your car was repossessed, your marriage failed, you dropped out of high school to raise an unplanned child, or perhaps you have a criminal record. Do NOT let your past determine your destiny!

REACH for the things in front of you... Stop hitting the rewind button of your life and hashing over what could have, would have or should have been and just press "play!" I hear you asking, "Why "play" and not "fast forward?" The difference is that "fast forward" skips what's happening now to move to the next scene, but "play" starts at the very point where you are right now. That's good news for somebody. God wants to meet you right where you are - at your point of need in order to help you to succeed. Once you let go of the past and start reaching for your future in Christ Jesus, your days will be better, and your destiny will be brighter! Whatever you need in your life, all you have to do is reach up and grab it!

PRESS toward the mark ... God did not promise you that the road would be easy, but you have got to press on. Press your way through your pain, your past and your problems. Press your way past your fears, failures and frailties. Press your way past your denials, your delays and your disappointments, then begin to press your way to bigger, brighter and better blessings for your future. If you want the prize you've got to make up in your mind that no matter what comes your way, no matter what it looks like, no matter what anyone says to you or about you, and no matter how many doors are slammed in your face, keep pressing your way!

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