



NO TREASURE LIKE JESUS  
**THE RELENTLESS GOAL OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**  
PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16

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1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_  
(v. 12)

*Philippians 3:12-16 (ESV)*  
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. 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, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 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. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

2. Attack \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 13-14)

3. Never \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv. 15-16)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Romans 8:29-30 & Colossians 1:28.** These verses remind us that the goal of our salvation and of ministry is conformity to Christ. How should this reality affect your own views of the Christian life and ministry?

2. What are some currently difficult circumstances in your life? Instead of viewing these as a setback, how can you view these as an opportunity to “know Christ”? How can/should that change your attitude about these situations?

3. **Read Philippians 3:14.** What are some of the things that may distract you from this goal? What will help keep you locked in on the goal?

4. **Read Philippians 3:15.** Why is it so tempting to become content with our current spiritual growth? How can we guard ourselves against this temptation?

5. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:12.** This verse lays out one potential pitfall of spiritual complacency. What are some other potential negative effects of “spiritual cruise control”?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Bridges, Jerry. *The Pursuit of Holiness*. NavPress, 2016.  
 Piper, John. *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*. Crossway, 2004.  
 Watson, Thomas. *All Things for Good*. Gideon House Books, 2015.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would be relentless in our pursuit of knowing Christ.  
 Pray that God would grow us more into the image of Christ.  
 Pray that God would help us avoid spiritual complacency.  
 Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life!  
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

### REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1/16	Genesis 29-30	Matthew 11
1/17	Genesis 31-32	Matthew 12:1-32
1/18	Genesis 33-34	Matthew 12:33-50
1/19	Genesis 35-36	Matthew 13:1-30
1/20	Genesis 37-39	Matthew 13:31-58
1/21	Genesis 40-41	Matthew 14