

Life, Death

AND HOW TO LIVE WITH A GODLY VIEW OF

Both

Pressing On Despite Circumstances

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>> Do not let the circumstances of your life determine the course of your life.

Philippians 3:12-15

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. 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, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

Pressing On: Knowing I am a Work in Progress

“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.”

>> God’s grace is sufficient to meet any and every challenge in your life!

Forgetting What Lies Behind: It Doesn’t Determine My Future

“But one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind** and straining forward to what lies ahead...”

Don’t allow yourself to stay derailed.

Don’t allow yourself to become distracted.

Don’t allow yourself to dwell on the past.

Straining Forward: Pursuing an Eternal Goal

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

What happens when we attempt to make worldly goals our ultimate goal?

- Striving for worldly goals leads to discontentment
- Falling short of worldly goals leads to discouragement
- Achieving worldly goals ends in disappointment

Developing a Mature Faith: Growing Stronger Through Challenges

“Let those of us **who are mature** think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.”

Press on with tenacity.

Throw aside anything weighing you down.

Pursue an eternal goal.