

Keep Moving

Philippians 3:12-16

Series: *Choose Joy!*

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reached the goal or am
already perfect, but I make
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because I also have been
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Jesus. ¹³***Brothers and***

sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in

Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. ¹⁶In any case, we should live up to

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1. The Backward Look

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- **Remember your conversion.**

- **Forget your past successes & failures.**

- **SO, LOOKING
BACK: SET NEW
GOALS IN LIFE!**

2. The Inward Look

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2 Wrong Tendencies to Avoid:

**The tendency to think
you've arrived**

**The tendency to think
you're hopelessly vile.**

SO, LOOKING IN,
SET REALISTIC
GOALS IN LIFE.

3. The Forward Look

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- **Pursue your goals diligently.**

- **Pursue them daily.**

SO, LOOKING
FORWARD, SET
SPECIFIC GOALS IN
LIFE.

4. The Upward Look

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SO, LOOKING
UPWARD, SET
SPIRITUAL GOALS
IN LIFE.

- **Always be moving forward.**

- **Remember the destination!**