

Running a Good Race

Philippians 3:12-21 (NLT)

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1. Learn the benefit of living for one thing.

Philippians 3:13 ¹³ *No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing...*

2. Look forward and keep your eyes on the prize that awaits you.

Philippians 3:14 ¹⁴ *I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us,*

Philippians 3:21 ²¹ *He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.*

3. Let go of anything that hinders your run towards God.

Philippians 3:13 ¹³ *Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,*

Philippians 3:18-19 ¹⁸ ...there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

- Lack of self-control.
- Lack of shame.
- Lack of sight.

4. Look for ways to run well this week.

Philippians 3:17 ¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

Philippians 3:12 ¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.