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Are You Living for the PRIZE?

Phil. 3:12-4:1

*To grow in “this” (knowing Christ; 8-11), you must keep your eyes on “that” (the prize; 12,14),*

*or you put yourself in danger of living like “them” (enemies of the cross; 18-19).*

How?

1. **SEIZE the purpose of your calling in Christ Jesus** (8-12,16).

*“taken hold of to take hold of”…*

*“what we have already attained”…*

* Christ Jesus as Lord
* The righteousness from God
* Resurrection power
* Fellowship with Christ in frightening times

1. **STRAIN toward the prize for which God has called you** (13-14, 20-21).

*Keep your eyes on “the PRIZE” – when we die, we live!*

*“Forgetting what is behind”- no race-inhibiting distractions…*

* Self-righteous religion
* Flesh-driven lifestyle
* Emotion-crushing defeats
* Coasting on yesterday’s spiritual victory

1. **“Many” connected to this race substitute the prize God offers for the one their flesh craves** (18-21).

* Judaizer legalists
* Corinthian charismatics

What controls you? Flesh or Spirit?

***This is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!*** (4:1)