

Philippians 3:12-16

Pressing Toward The Goal

(Review)

- Your Flesh Can't Save You
- Your Work Ends Up In The Loss Column
- Knowing Jesus Is Worth It All
- Righteousness Is From God By Faith In Christ
- There is Much To Be Gained

Today's Outline

- Perfection, Not In This Life!
- What Are You Chasing After?
- Don't Look Back
- Look Forward
- Maturity Is Marked By Unity

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12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

16 Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

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The **holiness movement** is a Christian movement that adheres to the doctrine of entire sanctification. It teaches that the carnal nature of humanity can be cleansed through faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit if one has had his sins forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ. **The doctrine is typically referred to in holiness churches as entire sanctification or Christian perfection.**

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Diōkō (press on)

- 1) to make to run or flee, put to flight
- 2) to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing, to run after
 - a) to press on: figuratively of one who in a race runs swiftly to reach the goal

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REVIEW: 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Through Christ We Gain

- The Knowledge Of Christ. (Identification)
- The Righteousness Of Christ. (Justification)
- The Power Of Christ. (Sanctification)
- The Suffering With Christ. (Participation)
- The Glory Of Christ. (Glorification)

What Are You Chasing?

- What Do You Want To Lay Hold Of?

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**It's Not About Where You've Been
Or Where You Are
But Where You're Going!**

Hebrews 12:1-2

- 1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Pillar 1 (Acts 2:42)

1. The Apostle's Doctrine: (2Pet 3:2 "that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,)

The recognition that the Bible is the 100% inerrant (Perfect) Word of God

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (*2 Timothy 3:16*)

The Study of God's Word (Line by Line Teaching)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (*2 Timothy 2:15*)

The Memorization of God's Word

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. (*Psalms 119:11*)

Applying God's Word to Our Lives:

that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (*2 Timothy 3:17*)

Pillar 2 (Acts 2:42)

2. Fellowship (Koinonia): (Developing *great friendships* with other Christians that center around Jesus, His work in our lives, and His work in the world)

a) fellowship, association, community, communion, *joint participation*

Fellowship with Christ: that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings,... (*Phil 3:10*)

Fellowship With Other Believers: But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (*1 John 1:7*)

Pillar 3 (Acts 2:42)

3. Breaking of Bread:

Remembering Christ Through Communion:

...and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this** in remembrance of Me." (1 *Corinthians 11:24*)

Eating Together: ...So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, (*Acts 2:46*)

It is when we remember what Jesus Christ has done that we have the proper attitude of Gratitude. (*Ephesians 3*)

Pillar 4 (Acts 2:42)

4. Prayer: (Talking to God about everything with the understanding that He listens, cares, and desires to actively work in our lives)

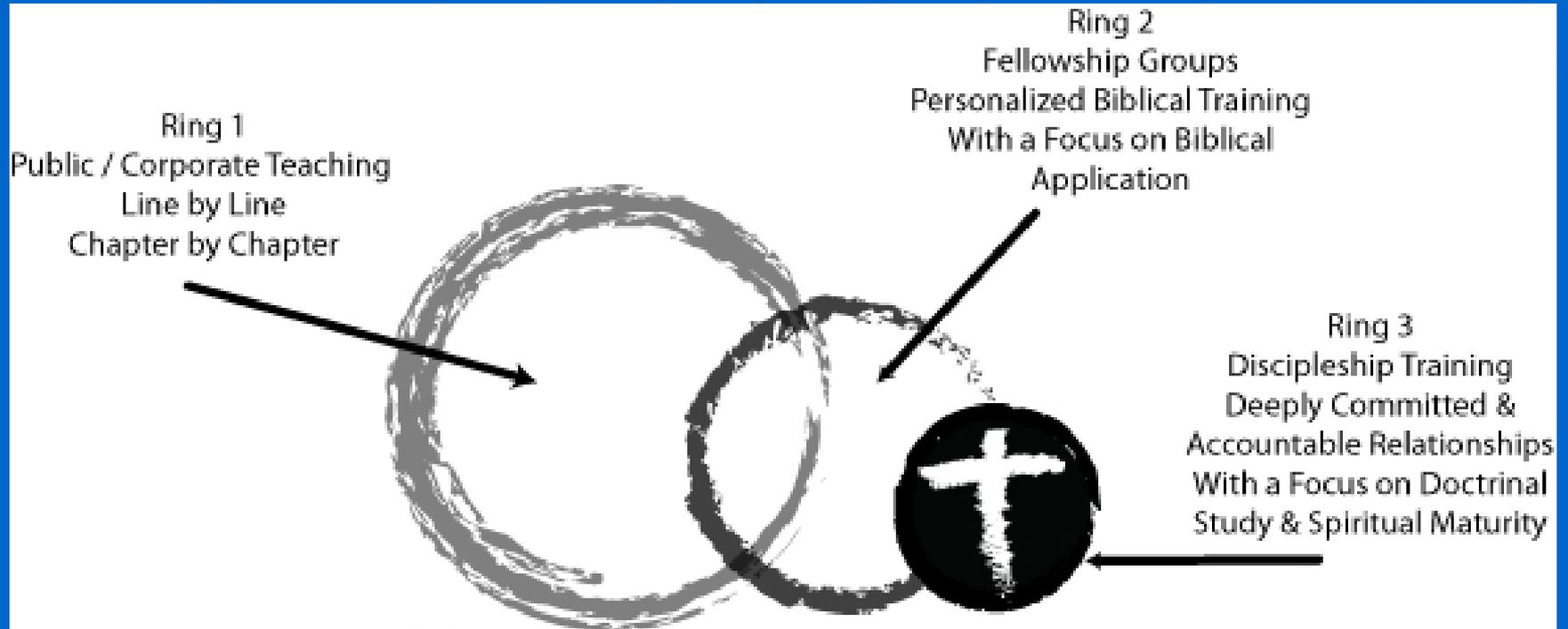
Personal Prayer:

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
(Matthew 6:6)

Corporate Prayer:

Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." *(Isaiah 56:7)*

3 Ring Discipleship



Calvary
Fellowship

Philippians 3:14

14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**As Believers Our Whole
Life Must Be Lived With
An Eternal Perspective!**

**The Christian Experience
Is Not About Perfection
But Progress**

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