



## #2 Run Hard After God!

Philippians 3:10-16

### THE MINDSET OF A MATURE FOLLOWER OF JESUS

*Philippians 3:10 (NIV) I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

*<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>15</sup>All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us live up to what we have already attained.*

**Gospel Thinking leads to Kingdom Living!**

### THE OLYMPIC RUNNER’S MINDSET

1. A HOLY **DISCONTENT** *Not that I have already obtained all this... but I press on*

2. A HEART-GRIPPING **PURPOSE** *I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

3. A NARROW **FOCUS** *I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it, But ONE THING I do...*

4. STRATEGIC **FORGETFULNESS** *forgetting what is behind*

5. EXTREME **EFFORT** *... straining...*

6. FORWARD **PROGRESS** *... straining towards what is ahead*

7. A WINNER’S **RESOLVE** *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus*

8. EYES ON THE **PRIZE** *...to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus*

My “One Thing”...

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