

PRESSING ON,
STRETCHING FORWARD,
TO PERFECTION
Philippians 3:12-16

I. Not Perfect Yet – vs.12a

Lambánō - take hold of; acquire; collect; receive

Teleiōō- make perfect; make genuine; complete

1 Corinthians 13:12

2 Corinthians 7:1

Romans 8:26-27

2 Peter 3:18

II. Pressing On To Grab Hold – vs. 12b

Diōkō - to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Colossians 1:29

1 Timothy 6:12

Katalambánō – acquire; attack; seize

Romans 8:29

2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

III. Ignoring The Past And Stretching Forward – vs. 13

James 1:8

Proverbs 4:25-27

Philippians 3:5-6

1 Corinthians 6:11

Romans 8:1

Epekteinomai – 1. to stretch out to or towards
2. to stretch (one's self) forward to

Ephesians 4:11-14

1 Corinthians 11:1

IV. Pressing Toward The Upward Call – vs. 14

1 Corinthians 9:24

1 John 3:2

James 1:12

2 Timothy 4:7-8

V. Let's Agree To Agree With God – vs. 15

Téleios – genuine; mature; perfect; adult

Phronéō - to be of the same mind i.e. agreed together, cherish
the same views, be harmonious

Philippians 2:2, 5

1 Corinthians 2:16

2 Peter 1:3

Colossians 3:2

VI. Stay In The Same Lane – vs. 16

Phthánō – come to; arrived at; attained

Stoichéō – to be in step with; to range in regular line;
to proceed in a row as the march of a soldier

Closing Thought: Beloved, we are not perfect, nor will we be until we arrive in heaven. Anyone who believes perfection, on this side of heaven, is attainable doesn't think like God. However, we are to strain, to strive, to press on, growing in holiness. We are to ignore our worthless past accomplishments, as well as our past sins, focused on our heavenward call. We are to run this same race of holiness that was run by Paul. Are you pressing on, stretching forward becoming more like Christ?