

"Pressing On" **Philippians 3:1-11**

God's plan for us is _____, not perfection (vs 12). In this life perfection is not possible. However, constant progress toward _____ is possible.

1. We are supposed to rejoice in the _____ and what He has done for us, not in any human _____ of trying to gain favor with God.
2. The past is over so leave it _____ you (vs 13).
3. The future holds out hope, so _____ for it (vs 13-14). The word translated "straining toward" or "reaching forward" is *epekteinomen*, a vivid athletic term. It means that the athlete throws himself forward in the race with _____ his energies strained to the very utmost.
4. A _____ attitude is necessary (verse 15).
5. We need to keep a _____ standard (verse 18)
6. All of us need _____ examples to follow (verse 17)
7. We must realize that we live among many _____ of the cross (verses 18-19)
8. We also need to remind ourselves that we belong among those who are bound for _____ (verses 20-21)