

# What Lies Ahead

## Philippians 3:12-16

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### Background

Philippians 3:20 NKJV - 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

### Divine Dissatisfaction

Philippians 3:12 NKJV - 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.

Luke 18:11-13 NKJV - 11 "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 'I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

Philippians 3:12b ...but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Psalms 42:1-2 NKJV - 1 As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

### Determined Devotion

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Nehemiah 6:3 NKJV - 3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

James 1:8 NKJV - 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

### Doubtless Direction

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Hebrews 10:17 NKJV - 17 "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV - 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

### Deep Determination

Philippians 3:14 NKJV - 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 15:5 NKJV - 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

1 Timothy 4:7-8 NKJV - 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

### Dogged Discipline

Philippians 3:15-16 NKJV - 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.

Romans 14:10 NKJV - 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.