

S.O.H.L. (1/25/10)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Striving Forward To Meet Your Goals

PHILLIPIANS 3:13-16 NKJV – (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.

Paul forgot the things which were behind, so as not to be content with past labours or present measures of grace. He reached forth, stretched himself towards his point; expressions showing great concern to become more and more like Christ. He who runs a race, must never stop short of the end, but press forward as fast as he can; so those who have heaven in their view, must still press forward to it, in holy desires and hopes, and constant endeavors. Eternal life is the gift of God, but it is in Christ Jesus; through his hand it must come to us, as it is procured for us by him. There is no getting to heaven as our home, but by Christ as our Way. True believers, in seeking this assurance, as well as to glorify him, will seek more to resemble his sufferings and death, by dying to sin, and by crucifying the flesh with its affections and lusts.

My brothers and sisters in the faith, there will be challenges, temptations and test. We can pass them all by yielding to the word of God and making the right choice. When driving my car, there use to be a time that when I was coming to a yield sign I would look real quickly and drive through. This is what a lot of Christians do. They don't yield or stop to hear what God has to say. Therefore, their life ends up in a wreck and serious damage is done.

My brothers and sisters in the faith, if we are going to make New Years resolutions, let's be real about making those changes! **"Don't go back!" Don't even look back!"** **Strive forward to meet your goals** in Christ Jesus! This will truly glorify Him!

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALMS 60:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let your resolution be His solution.

