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## **Pressing Onward and Upward**

Summary: Spiritually mature Christians adjust their attitude and mindset onward; they have a forward looking mindset. We are to follow Paul's and other mature Christians' example of making spiritual things a priority in their lives by developing an upward perspective.

Scripture – Philippians 3:12-21; 1 Thessalonians 2:1; Acts 16; Amos 7:12-17; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 3:8; 1 Timothy 1:15; Colossians 3:1-3

## **Community Group Discussion**

### **Pressing Onward (v.12-16)**

- It's easy to lose spiritual focus. How do we prevent this?
- "Attitude truly is everything." What are the challenges/benefits of changing your mindset/perspective?
- What are the attributes of a mature Christian?
- "Besiege the past, starve it out." How does replaying your past keep you in a spiritual wilderness?
- "We should never spiritually retire."

### **Pressing Upward (v.17-21)**

- What does it mean to be a citizen of Heaven and how should that influence us?
- How does your life follow your mind?
- "Our culture, our rule, our allegiance should come from Christ."
- "You are not alone as a Christian." How does this give you hope?
- "Hope gets you out of the prisons of the past."
- "Living in the past prevents you from living by faith." (Hebrews 11:6)