

Not so Trivial Pursuit!
Philippians 3:12-21
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Review: The surpassing greatness of knowing Christ!

12-16 Press on!

12-14 Pursue Jesus

- Paul's passion!
- I press on to take hold = Focused pursuit!
- Straining = looking at the finish line instead of the race behind you.

15-16 Become who you are!

- "To the grown-up..." (All of us who are mature...)
- "Grow up!" - Live up to what you have attained. (See Galatians 5:25)

17-21 Warning: Don't lose focus

- 17 Follow the example of those who have gone before!
 - Follow the pattern – see v. 16
- 18-19 Option 1: Enemies of Christ
 - Paul's reaction – grieved over them.
 - God is their stomach, glory is their shame
 - Who are they? (See 3:1-4!)
- 20-21 Option 2: Citizens of Heaven
 - Citizenship = The primary allegiance is to Christ
 - Forward looking! (see 3:13)

Keys:

- Paul was looking forward!
- Paul was pursuing Christ!
- Paul reminded us to be good citizens who represent our homeland.

Application:

- Are you looking forward or backward?
 - Good old days – See Ecclesiastes 7:10
 - Good new days – See Philippians 3:20-21; Revelation 21:4
- Are you pursuing Christ?
- What citizenship is the most important to you?