

Play for the Prize

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Philippians 3:12–21 (NIV84)

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained. 17 Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. 18 For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

We need to practice the press of training.

We need to follow the pattern set for us.

We must avoid following people who don't play by the rules.

We play in this life for a prize in the next one!

NOTES:

Church Announcements:

1. **MEGA AWARDS DAY.** Today, at 10AM, is Mega Awards Day where you get to see what the kids have learned all week at Mega Sports Camp. A cookout will be provided at the end of service with FREE Kona Ice for everyone.
2. **Verge Youth Missions Trip to Mexico.** Please pray for all the workers going to Puebla, Mexico from August 4-11. The team will be doing children and youth ministry in a VBS format for 4-5 days.
3. **Men's Breakfast, Aug 4.** Come on out guys to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, August 4th at 8:30AM in the Family Life Center. You will get some great food and a great Word from the Lord.