

Philippians Chapter Three B

v. 3:11 – (backtracking a little) Paul will do whatever it takes (if by any means) to walk in the fresh newness of life as one who is alive from the dead (Living Bible).

3:13, 14 – Have not gotten there yet but I'm focused (this one thing) forgetting those things which are behind (but not forgetting what the Lord has delivered me from, not forgetting where I used to be, but not allowing anything, whether deemed good or bad, from my past to keep me from moving aggressively forward in the Lord toward the prize.

3:15, 16 - So all those who desire to mature in the Lord and be all he wants us to be, should have this way of thinking, this focus. And we should put into practice what we have already attained, even as we are attaining more, even as we are growing more. Put into practice what you know.

3:17 – Paul encourages them to follow his example (as he follows Christ), and mark (pattern yourself in the image) of those who follow my example.

3:18, 19 – To his sadness, there are those who (although they represent themselves as being Christians) are enemies of the cross of Christ, 1) whose end is destruction 2) whose God is their belly 3) whose glory is in their shame 4) who mind earthly things

3:20, 21 – But those who are the true followers of Christ look to heaven as our much longed for home; Christians always have a heavenly view so that they are not tied to earthly things; their view of this life and the things of this life are from a heavenly, a spiritual perspective. They have the expectation that the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, will come from heaven and by the power with which he will conquer all things, he will change or dying, mortal, lowly bodies into glorified bodies like his.