



THIS ONE THING

- Success isn't getting what you want; it wants what you have.

2 Tim 1:8-9 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life, ***not because of anything that we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.***

The realization of your **LIFE PURPOSE** is of ultimate importance to the Kingdom?

- Hope is not meant to be maintained, but to be developed
- Hope is not based on a favorable outcome, but a sense of PURPOSE regardless of the outcome
- Is our HOPE based on a RESULT or the PURPOSE **Heb 11:12-13 Died in faith**

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, ¹**but I press on to** ²**take hold** of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, ³**I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.** But ⁴**one thing I do:** ⁵**Forgetting what is** ⁶**behind** and ⁷**straining toward what is ahead,** 14 ⁸**I press on** toward the ⁹**goal to win the prize** for which ¹⁰**God has called me** heavenward ¹¹**in Christ Jesus.**

1. **I am committed to Going Forwards (press on) the goal is both fuel and target**
 - weariness stops us doing good (Gal 6:9) we reap if we don't give up
 - Failure gives us the strategy for success
2. **I am committed to taking destiny by the "scruff of the neck " v12 (take hold)**
 - You are in a war over your future (Eph 6:10)
 - There is a purpose that God took hold of you for.
3. **I am committed to being honest with myself. (reality check - persistence not perfection)**
 - People of Destiny with a plan from God recognize Salvation is a process not event
 - Being wrong is not a sign of weakness it's a sign of humanity
4. **I am committed to take my responsibility seriously V13 (one thing I do)**
 - Jesus had a "one thing" Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa, you?
 - Enthusiasm and persistence can make an average person superior. Indifference and lethargy can make a superior person average
5. **I am committed to shake off the limits that others have set for me v13(forgetting)**
 - Psalm 101:1-4 These things shall not cling to me
 - Rejoice with those who weep, and weep with those who rejoice
6. **I am committed to bury the effects that the past has had on me v13 (behind)**
 - Romans 8:24-25 Patience is confidence in God's purpose fulfilled

7. **8. I am committed to not going it alone. V17 (straining forward)**

- It's always easier to run your race, what about mine, am I going to finish?
- Our mind is the source of decision but our will is the expression of thought

8. **I am committed to enter into the “training zone” “the X factor” v13 (press on)**

- Perseverance needs **Desire – Discipline – Delight**. Start and finish in a race
- Heb 10:35 Don't throw away your confidence, Hold onto your hope, continue to sow, you will get the benefits
- Training is more effective with someone to push you to your limits

9. **I am committed to “going for MY Medal Not yours” v14 (goal, prize not comp)**

- A call to service is an invitation to be a target
- Yet my medal is yours. My relationship with Him. Comparison breeds envy
- 1 Cor 13 Love is patient (are you patient) Let me grow, I'll let you grow. **Grace**

10 **I am committed to God's call, but MY Destiny (Heavenward)**

- “When faith dies, so does enterprise” – George Gilder in Wealth and Poverty
- This happens with a Kingdom focus, through an earthly process
- Heaven is not the prize, Christ is the prize
- Our Destiny **demands**, God's Kingdom to be formed in us, by our **Commitment to the process**.
- **Endurance means when it does and when it doesn't suit**
- Success is not a matter of being in the right place at the right time, but being in the wrong place at the wrong time and **NOT GIVING UP**.

11 **In Christ (I am committed to not going it alone)**

- Independence is not a characteristic of Kingdom life
 - Body needs all of its parts to achieve longevity and life
- 1 Cor 12:12 “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body”:

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“Few events in life ever become such defining moments that they actually direct the course of ones existence. Fewer still are the opportunities that challenge our attention with such persistence, that our destiny is dependent upon apprehending them. However, when such events do happen in our life, they serve to direct our purpose in a way that seems to rescue us from ‘existence living’ and into a purpose driven lifestyle”. Tony Mckeown

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