

## **“Obtaining Perfection”** *Philippians 3:12-16*

### **When are you done?**

You are done when you die. Perfection is not an attainable goal. It is self-centered and thus a worship of self rather than God. The goal then is in the process not the attaining of the goal. Here Paul outlines five keys to focusing on the Process.

### **Dissatisfaction V.12-13**

Dissatisfaction is an essential component to change.

We become satisfied when we compare ourselves to others and do not look at ourselves or Jesus Christ as the standard. *2 Corinthians 13:5*

Pressing on to know God more fully.

### **Devotion V.13**

“This one thing I do...” – Concentrating on one thing at a time, doing the one thing that God has called YOU to do.

Don't let the good distract from the best. *James 1:5-8*

### **Direction V.13**

“Looking forward” – We must continue to look to the future and growth, looking at the past failures or successes causes us to stumble.

“Forgetting” – Remembrance is a function of growth. We can not allow the past to continue to hinder today. *Genesis 45:1-15*

### **Determination V.14**

“I Press” – A hunter eagerly pursuing it's prey. We can not do it all on our own, neither is God going to do everything for us. Instead God does with us.

Effort + Opportunity = Success *1 Timothy 4:6-10*

### **Discipline V.15-16**

Consistency – Not just for a moment or a season but a lifetime.

Appropriateness – Following the rules. *2 Timothy 2:1-7*

### **Application / Notes**

## **Discussion Questions**

What distracts you?

How can you continue to “press on” without becoming discouraged?

What life changes have you made to nurture your relationship with God?

## **Homework**

**Read *Philippians 3:17-21***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God’s Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God’s Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God’s Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God’s Word today? Live it out.

**Pick one thing that helps to nurture your relationship with God and do it consistently this week.**