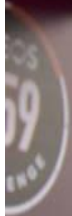


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**-PRESSING ON TOWARDS THE GOAL**  
**Philippians ch. 3:1-16**

**“MARATHON IS LIFE. AND LIFE IS WHERE YOU  
PROGRESS.”**

**Eliud Kipchoge**

**“I PRESS ON.....TO WIN TO TAKE HOLD OF THAT FOR  
WHICH CHRIST JESUS TOOK HOLD OF ME.”**

**St. Paul. Phil. 3: 13-14**

# **PRESSING ON TOWARDS THE GOAL**

## **Philippians ch.3: 1-16**

**Encouragement to Perseverance – a recurring theme of Philippians....**

- **“God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion” 1:6**
- **“God works in you to will and act according to his good purpose” 2:13**
- **“Stand firm!” 1:27; 4:1**

# **PRESSING ON TOWARDS THE GOAL**

## **Philippians ch.3: 1-16**

### **1) The Christian's Motivation**

- **Paul the Apostle = sent out, tasked, with a specific mission**
  - preaching; teaching; church planting; nurturing
- **But his primary motivation? No!**
  - what mattered most to him was his relationship with the Lord
  - nurturing/developing a relationship with Jesus the Christian's No. 1 priority. All else flows from that

# Paul's Profit and Loss Account

## The Negatives

- “Confidence in the flesh”
- Jewish heritage
- OT Law keeping
- “Everything a loss”
- Rubbish/Dung

## The Positives

- Gaining Christ
- Righteousness through faith in Christ
- “Being found in him”
- Sharing his sufferings
- Attaining resurrection

# PRESSING ON TOWARDS THE GOAL

## Philippians ch. 3: 1-16

- “I want to know Christ”
- Personal knowledge and experience of a living individual here and now
- “I serve a living Saviour....”
- Jesus - A Partner for life –Its ups and its downs
- A living hope for the future
- ❖ “God has given us a living hope...that can never perish, spoil or fade.”

# **PRESSING ON TOWARDS THE GOAL**

## **Philippians ch. 3: 1-16**

### **2) The Christian's Pathway and Progress**

- **Never the finished article – always a work-in-progress**
- **“Perfection” = Aspiration for Christian Maturity, i.e.**
  - ❖ **Nurturing relationship with the Lord**
  - ❖ **The right kind of attitudes and behaviours**
  - ❖ **BEING THE KIND OF PEOPLE WE SHOULD BE IN THOUGHT; WORD; DEED – A CREDIT TO THE LORD**

# **PRESSING ON-THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS**

**“One thing I do” - single-minded; committed**

**“Forgetting the past – Christ has dealt with**

**“Straining to what is ahead” – effort; discipline “I  
press on towards the mark” – FOCUS**

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**“When you have decided to do something, do it, no  
excuses. Then you are self-disciplined” E. Kipchoge**

**“Let us live up to what we have already attained.”  
3:16**