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SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIVING

(Philippians 3:12-16)

1. DISSATISFACTION - (v12) "not that I have already attained"

Here's the confession of a spiritual giant, "haven't attained ... not perfect"

It's tragic to see Christians self-satisfied with their spiritual development.
(1 Cor. 10:12; Rev. 3:1-6)

2. DIRECTION - (v13) "This one thing I do"

Paul will not be side-tracked, nor half-hearted in his effort, nor all himself to be distracted from the main objective in life.

Someone said, "Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off the goal."

(Col. 3:1-2) "If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth."

Like Martha (Luke 10:42) "But one thing is needful" and (Nehemiah 6:3) "... I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, while I leave it, and come down to you?"

3. DESERTION - "... forgetting the things which are behind ... "

Two dangers of living in the past:

- 1) We tend to remember to distraction (perhaps too many regrets).
- 2) We tend to live off previous successes (and that loses the sense of dissatisfaction).

4. DETERMINATION - (v14) "I press on toward the goal"

"Press" - endeavor; exert; push; gut it out; effort.

5. DISCIPLINE - (v16) "... by that same rule, let us walk ... "

(2 Tim. 2:5) "if any man contend in the games, he is not crowned except he contend lawfully"

Don't break the rules while running the Christian race.

CLOSE - (2 Tim. 4:6-8) "... I fought a good fight, I finished my course, I kept the faith ... "