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Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV

13Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do,* forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

 *I forget the ground I have covered in the race. I cannot waste time over the past.*

# 1 Corinthians 9:24-26 NKJV

# 24Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it.*

# 25And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown.*

# 26Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.

#  *Be as earnest to make it to heaven as men are to win a race.*

# Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

# 12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

# 2looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

#  *Run with patience the race set before us, fight even with conflict.*

# 1 Timothy 6:11-13 NKJV

# 11But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

# 12Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

# 13I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate

#  *6 things Christians must follow.*

#  *Righteousness, Godliness, Faith, Love, Patience, and Meekness.*

# Ephesians 6:10-17 NKJV

# 10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

# 11Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=eph+6%3A10-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29349a)]wiles of the devil.

# 12For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

# 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

# 14Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

# 15and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

# 16above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

# 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;