

Press On - Laura Benson

Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1.) BE AWARE

Remember who you are in Christ: I am ACCEPTED, SECURE, and SIGNIFICANT!

I am LOVED. (Galatians 2:20)

I am ACCEPTED. (Ephesians 1:3-8)

I am REDEEMED and FORGIVEN. (Colossians 1:13)

I am a child of GOD. (John 1:12)

I am a friend of JESUS CHRIST. (John 15:15)

I am complete in Christ and part of Christ's BODY of believers!
(Colossians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 12:27)

I have direct access to the throne of GOD through Jesus Christ.
(Hebrews 4:14-16)

I have the assurance that God works for my GOOD in ALL circumstances. (Romans 8:28)

I have been established, anointed, and SEALED by God. (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

I have NOT been given the spirit of FEAR but of POWER, LOVE, and a SOUND MIND. (2 Timothy 1:7)

I am God's WORKMANSHIP. (Ephesians 2:10)

I may approach God with freedom and CONFIDENCE. (Ephesians 3:12)

I am a citizen of HEAVEN. (Philippians 3:20)

I CAN do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13)

2.) STAY FOCUSED AND ON COURSE

Paul, the author of our passage encouraged the believers to FOCUS on TODAY and to actively pursue our growth in our relationship with Christ. My actions will affect me and those around me. When I am not focused, I may get off track with the Lord and the ones He has given me to STEWARD.

/STEWARD/: verb: a person who manages, someone who looks after someone or something.

God gives us a CIRCLE of influence and our responsibility lies with them as well as ourselves.

3.) STAY CONSISTENT

When I am not consistent, I may lose sight of my ASSIGNMENT and get off track with the LORD.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is in YOUR circle of influence?
2. What am I GRATEFUL for?
3. What/who am I praying for?