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Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, 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, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### **I. I MUST NOT BECOME COMPLACENT WHERE I AM! (v12a)**

- None of us have arrived yet, so we must keep changing.
- Complacency will stall you, cause you to struggle, and silence your heart cry for God.

### **II. I MUST LET GO OF THE PAST! (v13b)**

- Many times our future is hindered by our ties to the past.
- Some people try to drive forward by looking in the rear view mirror. This is the shortcut to the ditch.
- The past is the place that grudges, bitterness, and unhealed wounds are anchored in. They all will hold you back.

### **III. I MUST KEEP PRESSING ON TOWARD CHRIST! (v12b, 13c, 14)**

- A consistent pressing toward Jesus is to be our aim and drive.
- He holds our future in his hands.
- When you press into him, you are experiencing your glorious future.

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