

**One thing!
(Philippians 3v12-16)**

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Introduction

- Paul's goal and ours?
- **Three exhortations** for a new year:

Keep running – we're not there yet (v12-13)

- Paul's experience as a Christian
 - Starting out (v12b)
 - Pressing on (Phil. 3:10-11)

Keep running – forgetting what is behind (v13)

- What are we to forget?
 - Past sins & failures
 - Past hurts (Heb. 12:15)
 - Past successes (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

Keep running – straining towards what is ahead (v13b-14)

- The goal
- The prize (Luke 19:17, 1 Pet. 5:4, 1 Thess. 4:17, 2 Tim. 4:6-8)
- The call

Conclusion

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

¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.