

New Year's Resolutions
Philippians 3:12-16
January 1, 2017

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. [15] Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. [16] Only let us hold true to what we have attained."

--Philippians 3:12-16 (ESV)

Paul lays out some principles concerning our attitude that we can carry with us into the New Year:

1. _____ your past.

"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead..." -- v. 13

2. _____ your priorities.

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

If you are considering resolutions for the New Year, let me make two suggestions:

(1) Set aside 30 minutes every day to _____ your Bible and pray,
and

(2) Determine to be more _____ in God's Kingdom.

1. _____ in the present.

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do:" --v. 13