



sermon notes

"WINNING SPIRITUALLY"

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For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
Philippians 1:6 (NASB)

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM WINNING SPIRITUALLY?

The Keys to Winning Spiritually:

I. Realize that _____.

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:12 (NASB)

II. Keep _____.

Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:12–14 (NASB)

III. Have a _____.

Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

Philippians 3:15–16 (NASB)

IV. Keep a _____.

Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.
Philippians 3:17–21 (NASB)

The Worldly Walk (Phil. 3:19):

- a. _____
- b. Their end is _____.
- c. Their god is their _____.
- d. Their glory is their _____.

The Christian Walk (Phil. 3:20–21):

- a. _____
- b. Our citizenship is in _____.
- c. We are eagerly awaiting a _____.
- d. We are awaiting transformation into a _____.

POINT: _____



DOGGY BAG

Something to take home and chew on!

1. **What keeps you from winning spiritually?** What keeps you from allowing God to finish what He started in you? What are you doing that keeps you stuck spiritually?

2. **Are you still spiritually hungry?** What are your goals for your spiritual life? What are you pressing on toward?

3. **Do you have a spiritual winning attitude?** Do you see yourself as having arrived spiritually, or do you see yourself as striving for more? Are you hungry for more of Christ in your life?

4. **Have you ever tried to assess your spiritual life?** Your spiritual growth? Your spiritual vitality? How many people have an annual spiritual check-up? How many people have ever had a spiritual check-up? If you had a spiritual check-up now, what kind of grade do you think you would give yourself? What kind of grade do you think Jesus would give you? Would you pass or fail? Would you show progress in the past year, or would your assessment reveal that you have been regressing spiritually? Would the tests show that you are winning spiritually, or losing?

Spiritual Assessment: Score yourself on a scale of 0–10...

1. How are you 'working out your own salvation' as 'God works within you'? How are you using the Means of Grace?
 - a. Daily Bible reading _____
 - b. Daily prayer or journaling _____
 - c. Weekly corporate worship _____
 - d. Small group connection and support _____
 - e. Stewardship of your resources _____
 - f. Sharing your faith with others _____
 - g. Christian service and mercy _____
2. How are you allowing God to work within you?
 - a. Daily inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your life _____
 - b. Dealing with the conviction of sin _____
 - c. Seeking Christ with all of your heart _____
3. How are you cultivating the mind of Christ (humility)? _____
4. How are you looking out for the interests of others? _____

TOTAL POINTS _____

SPIRITUAL ASSESSMENT SCORING GUIDE:

120	Perfect Score (Have a more humble attitude.)
100–119	Great Spiritual Ambition (Keep pressing on. Remember you're not there yet.)
80–99	Good Spiritual Ambition (Keep your focus on Christ.)
50–79	Developing Spiritual Ambition (Realize you're not there yet.)
20–49	Seeking Spiritual Ambition (Ask yourself, "Is Jesus Lord of my life? What would change if Jesus were Lord of my life?")
0–19	Grace Abounds (Remember you are deeply loved by God who so longs to have a relationship with you that He sent His Son. Take a few minutes this week to contemplate what that means to you.)

ANSWER KEY:

- I. **YOU'RE NOT THERE YET.**
II. Keep **PRESSING ON.**

- III. Have a **HUMBLE ATTITUDE.**
IV. Keep a **HEAVENLY FOCUS.**

Worldly Walk:

- a. **EARTHLY FOCUSED**
b. **DESTRUCTION**

- c. **APPETITE**
d. **SHAME**

Christian Walk:

- a. **HEAVENLY FOCUSED**
b. **HEAVEN**

- c. **SAVIOR**
d. **GLORIFIED BODY**

Point: **THE KEY TO WINNING SPIRITUALLY IS TO KEEP PURSUING JESUS.**