

**THE GOAL**  
**Philippians 3:12-16**  
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Paul focused on heaven like an athlete  
is focused on winning a race.

- In an awards ceremony, nothing beats being called up to receive the prize.  
**Philippians 3:14**
- Paul is patient with our struggle to seek totally the heavenly prize.  
**Philippians 3:15, 16**

**Introduction: 1 Corinthians 9:24, 25**

**I. Jesus grabbed hold of Paul, and Paul grabbed hold of the goal Jesus offered.**

- Salvation in Christ should be more compelling than any earthly prize.  
**Philippians 3:12**
- Paul's achievements were not evil, but earthly.  
**Philippians 3:4-6**
- Nothing Paul had accomplished compared with "being found in Christ."  
**Philippians 3:7-11**

**II. Christians are called to reach forward.**

- Even our "Christian" accomplishments aren't the goal.  
**Philippians 3:13**

**III. Citizens of heaven want their reward in heaven.**

- To be a citizen of heaven was better than being a citizen of Rome.  
**Philippians 3:20**
- Citizens look forward to a visit by their own "Savior & Lord."  
**Philippians 3:21**

*The theme of seeking rewards and  
treasure in heaven comes from Jesus in  
the Sermon on the Mount.*