



# PRESSING FORWARD

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<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> I **press** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

***Message: We are to keep pressing forward to spiritual maturity or Christlikeness!***

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- I. PRESS FORWARD TO A ***CLOSE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE LORD JESUS*** (1 Corinthians 1:9; Revelation 3:20)

## 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> God *is* faithful, by whom you were ***called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.***

## Revelation 3:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, ***I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.***

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## II. PRESS FORWARD TO A **MATURE CHRISTLIKE LOVE FOR OTHERS** (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 14:1)

### 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But concerning **brotherly love** you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to **love** one another; <sup>10</sup> and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

### John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> A **new commandment** I give to you, that you **love** one another; **as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love** for one another.”

### 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> **Pursue** (follow aggressively) **love** ...