

# 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)
- II. PRESS FORWARD TO A MATURE
  CHRISTLIKE LOVE FOR OTHERS
   (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 14:1)
- III. PRESS FORWARD TO *CONSISTENT VERBAL WITNESSING* (Romans 1:16; Acts 8:4; Acts 4:31)
- IV. PRESS FORWARD TO AN *OVERCOMING AND VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE* (Romans 8:37; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Revelation 3:21)

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# V. PRESS FORWARD TO **MORE OF THE HOLY**

**SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES** (John 7:38-39; Ephesians 5:18;

Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:25)

### John 7:38-39 (NKJV)

- <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow** rivers of living water."
- <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would **receive**; for the **Holy Spirit** was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

# **Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled (be being filled) with the Spirit,

### Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

# **Galatians 5:25(NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> If we *live in the Spirit*, let us also walk in the Spirit.