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¹² 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. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing / *do*, forgetting those things which are behind and **reaching forward** to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ 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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HOW DO WE PRESS INTO AN OVERCOMING AND VICTORIOUS LIFE?

1. WE **PRESS** TO VICTORY BY **LIVING A SURRENDERED LIFE** *(Romans 6:13; 12:1; Luke 9:24)*
2. WE **PRESS** TO VICTORY BY **LOOKING CONTINUALLY TO JESUS** *(Hebrews 12:2)*
3. WE **PRESS** TO VICTORY BY **PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD** *(Ephesians 6:10-18)*
4. WE **PRESS** TO VICTORY BY **FIGHTING IN HIS STRENGTH AND WISDOM** *(1 Timothy 6:12; Ephesians 6:10-12)*
5. WE **PRESS** TO VICTORY BY THE **HELP OF OTHER BELIEVERS** *(1 Thessalonians 4:11)*