

How to Fight the Giant Pt. 3

Philippians 3:12-21

Introduction: To win our fight against the giant we must keep our eyes on the prize.

I. What is the goal?

A. Heavenly

- 1. "the prize" (v.14)**
- 2. eternal life, free from sin, death, destruction**
- 3. a place where failing bodies are transformed (v.21)**

B. Earthly

- 1. "their god is their stomach" v.19**
- 2. Ecclesiastes 5 and 6.**

II. Realizing we haven't attained it.

A. Paul knew this.

- 1. v.12-13**
- 2. Romans 7:14-20**

B. We must realize it.

- 1. no matter how much we know or do we will not attain it until we are called home.**

III. How do we achieve the goal?

A. Follow examples. (v.17)

- 1. Christ is the perfect example.**
- 2. Paul and others can be examples of those who also need Christ.**

B. amnesia ("forget what is behind" v.13)

- 1. forgetting can help us lose the "weight" of past failures.**
- 2. forgetting can help eliminate feelings of inadequacy.**
- 3. God forgives and forgets (Ps. 103:2-4, Micah 7:19)**

C. "strain toward the goal" (v.13)

- 1. straining is hard work**
- 2. straining is difficult**

Conclusion: Nothing can help us win the fight against the giant (Satan) until we answer Christ's call to surrender our lives totally to Him.