Mature Thinking

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13–14, ESV)

Review the Sermon Read Philippians 3:12-16. Why is it dangerous to think you've "arrived" spiritually? How does knowing Christ "made you his own" motivate your determination to deepen your relationship with him? How does keeping your eyes on the "upward call of God in Christ Jesus" affect your focus? Assess your Life What types of "clutter" (mental, emotional, etc.) keep you from what matters most? Are your spiritual efforts a result of earning favor or responding to grace? How does your past hold you back from "straining forward to what lies ahead"?

Apply the Truth
How can you "hold true to what [you] have attained" (v16)?
In what ways can you grow more spiritually mature in the way you think?
What can you do to become more focused on your eternal Home?
Commit this Week
Will you commit to a having a teachable spirit, a singular focus on pursuing Christ, and a renewed determination to live for your eternal reward?

"Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained." (Philippians 3:15–16, ESV)