

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 46

The Year of Harvest – The Fruit of Maturity - Perseverance

I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.

Philippians 3:14-15 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: We all have experienced to one degree or another, the suffering and the difficulties of this life. Jesus told us we would have tribulation (John 16:33). It's a part of living in a world that is broken because of sin. However, Jesus reminds us that He has overcome the world, and in this passage, Paul shares his perspective on living in this fallen world. In Philippians 3, Paul gives us the perspective of what God desires of those who are growing and maturing in the faith. That's what he says in 14 and 15. We should share this view and if we do not, Paul was confident that God would reveal to his readers (us). What is this perspective? Perseverance. The setting aside of the things and the mentality of the world and keeping our eyes, keeping our attention on the eternal. With an eternal perspective, we understand that the cares, and even the riches of this world are not the ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is to win the ultimate prize of an eternity with God. When this world, and our time in this world is finished, those who belong to Christ, receive the reward that will outweigh all that this world may be able to give us. What you are struggling with this week? What has almost convinced you to give in and give up? Turn your eyes on the reward of an eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ and His comfort love forever and ever. Do not give up, persevere and find that it is worthwhile, now and for eternity.

Day 1: Read Philippians chapter three several times during the day. Meditate on what you read.

Day 2: Write down on a piece of paper the things that are difficulties and obstacles for you now.

Day 3: Today, give each one of the obstacles you listed yesterday and deliberately give every man to Jesus.

Day 4: Take time today to meditate and imagine what it will be like to be greeted by Jesus in eternity.

Day 5: Pray for your church to teach its people to persevere amid the life's trials..

Day 6: Pray for fellow believers in your town who are struggling with their faith. Lift them up in prayer.

Day 7: Pray for perseverance for missionaries you know. Pray that they will be encouraged in their faith and perseverance.