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philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

c. MAINTAINING FOCUS

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1. prayer

joshua 6:7 (NLT)

Then he gave orders to the people: "March around the town, and the armed men will lead the way in front of the Ark of the LORD."

ephesians 6:17,18

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

2. praise

joshua 6:8

So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

hebrews 13:15

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

3. purity

joshua 6:18

And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

1 thessalonians 4:3,4

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

⁴ that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

d. THE HEAVENLY CALLING

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1. what is in your hand?

joshua 6:2

And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

matthew 25:15

And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

2. stewardship

matthew 25:16,17

¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

matthew 14:17,18

¹⁷ And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ He said, "Bring them here to Me."

3. building His house

joshua 6:24

But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

luke 10:2

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.