Present: Spiritual Gain Philippians 3:8-16

I. PASSION: "I count all things to be loss" (vv.8-11)

- **A. Worth:** "surpassing value of knowing Christ" (v.8a)
 - 1. Rejection: "for whom I have suffered loss of all things"
 - 2. Refuse: "and count them but rubbish"
- **B. Why:** "in order that I may..." (vv.8b-11)
 - 1. Relationship: "that I may gain Christ" (v.8b)
 - 2. Righteousness: "that I...may be found in Him..." (vv.9-10)
 - 3. Resurrection: "that I may attain to the resurrection..." (v.11)

II. <u>PURSUIT</u>: "but I press on toward the goal" (vv.12-16)

- **A. Reality:** "Not...already become perfect" (v.12)
 - 1. Unfinished: "Not that I have already obtained it"
 - 2. Unbending: "I press on...that I may lay hold of"
- **B. Resolve:** "one thing I do...I press on" (vv.13-14)
 - 1. Undistracted: "forgetting...behind...reaching forward"
 - 2. Undeterred: "I press on toward the goal for the prize"
- C. Respect: "as many as are perfect" (vv.15-16)
 - 1. Understanding: "Let us therefore...have this attitude"
 - 2. Unwavering: "let us keep living by that same standard"

Next Week: "Future: Proper Focus" Read: Philippians 3:17-21