

# THINK AHEAD

*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.*

*Proverbs 22:3*

Be Wise: Think Ahead and Take Action

1. I will be ready in temptation
2. I will be devoted
3. I will be faithful
4. I will be an influencer
5. I will be generous
6. I will be consistent
7. I will be a finisher

Jesus was a finisher

*I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.*

*John 17:4*

*Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

*John 19:30*

Apostle Paul was a finisher

*For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

*2 Timothy 4:6-7*

**? How ?**

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 3:12-14*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul hadn't arrived yet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesus has taken hold

**Jesus has taken hold of me  
on purpose for a purpose!**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul had goals
- 4<sup>th</sup> Focus: This one thing I do...
- 5<sup>th</sup> Forward: I Press on towards... that which God has for me/before me – of life and purpose in Christ Jesus
- 6<sup>th</sup> There is an ultimate finish line to cross and there are multiple other significant ones throughout our lives.

*"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."*

*John 4:34*

*Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."*

*John 5:17*

### **Be Wise: Think Ahead and Take Action**

- For what purpose(s) has Jesus taken hold of me?
- What's next?

\*Steps are what gets us to a finish line.

\*Remember

\*Forgetting what is behind

\*Forward!

Summary: To be a finisher

- Begin with purpose
- Know where you are going (goals, next steps, benchmarks)
- Forward focus (forgetting what's behind)
- Forward action (I press on...)

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All built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ!

*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

*John 10:10b*

Topic: I Will Be A Finisher

Bible Passage: Philippians 3:12-14

**NOTES**

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**3 Main Points**

Steps to be a Finisher:

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**Beginners Bible Reading Plan- Read One Chapter A Day**

1. The Gospel of John- 3 times
2. The Gospel of Matthew
3. The Gospel of Mark
4. The Gospel of Luke
5. James
6. Proverbs
7. The New Testament (Matthew through Revelation)

**TAKE ACTION**

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

**Gather-** Join a Think Ahead Group - [foxriver.cc/groups](http://foxriver.cc/groups)

**Grow-** Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- [Youversion.com](http://Youversion.com)

**Give-** Ask God, *How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.*

**Go-** I will pray by name for \_\_\_\_\_ to come to know Jesus.

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