

FORWARD: KEYS TO START MOVING FORWARD

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Philippians 3:13-14 NKJ

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Key Principles to Move Forward:

1. Faith

Hebrews 11:1 NKJ

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 NKJ

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 10:38 NKJ

“Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.”

Exodus 14:15 NKJ

And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.”

Forward: Destiny

Backward: Slavery

2. Obedience

Jeremiah 7:23-24 NIV

“...but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God

and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.”

James 1:22-25 NLT

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

3. Renew

Romans 12:2 NKJ

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Galatians 4:7 NKJ

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

4. Worldview

Mark 16:15 NKJ

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

5. Asking

Luke 11:9-10 NLT

“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

6. Relationships

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 NKJ

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

Proverbs 13:20 MSG

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.

7. Dream

“A person’s life can be defined by the dream in their heart!”