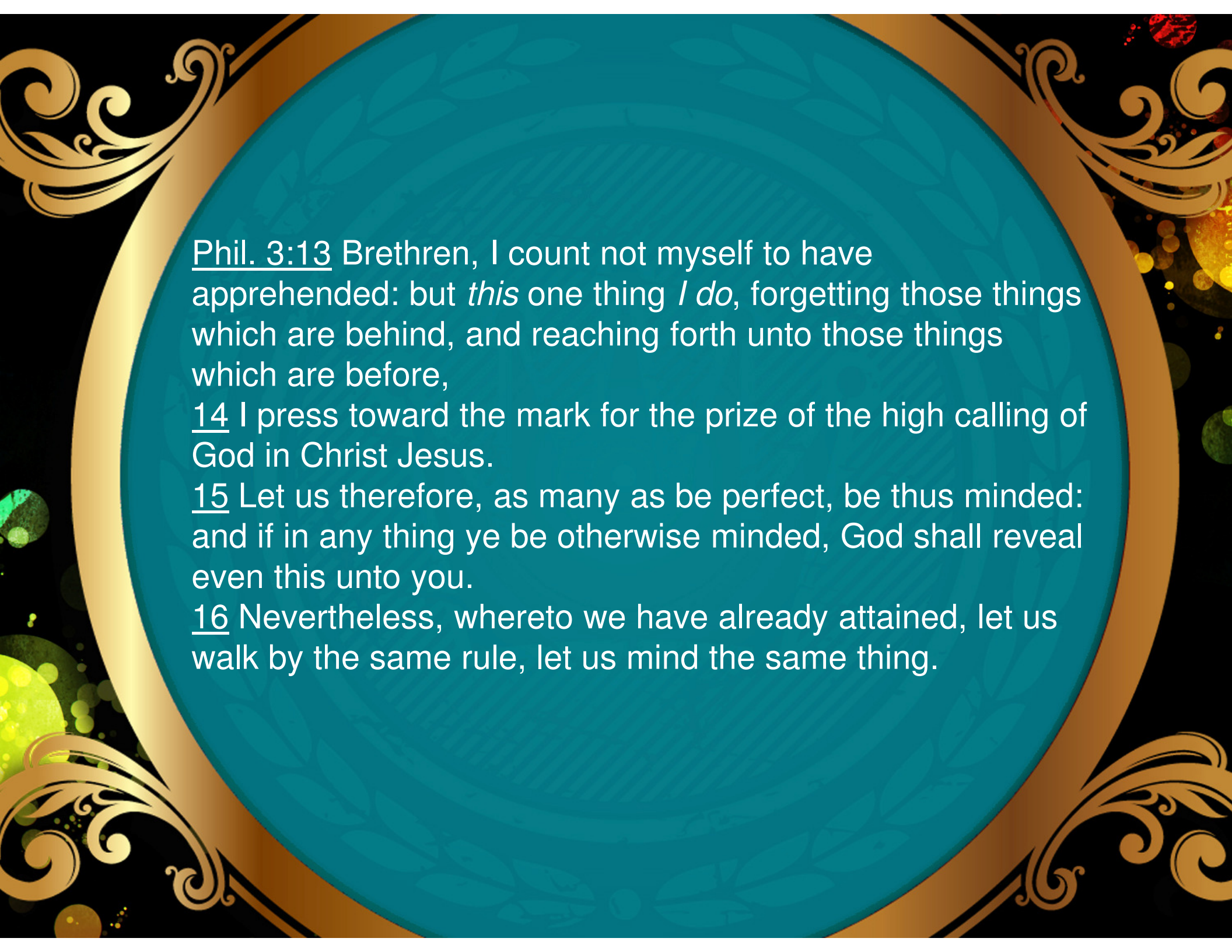




# Ending and Beginning

Phil. 3:13-16





Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.



Eccl. 7:8 **Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof:**  
*and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*

## I. CHECK THE INVENTORY, 3:13

Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this*  
one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching  
forth unto those things which are before,

A. The Present – “...I count not myself to have apprehended...  
one thing *I do*...”



1. Figuring it out – “...I count not myself to have apprehended...”

- Who is the Lord of my life?
- Who (or what) is the Love of my life?
- What (or what) Leads my life?
- What Level of spirituality is my life?

2. Focusing in – “...*this* one thing *I do*...”

B. The Past – “...forgetting those things which are behind...”

C. The Progress – “...reaching forth unto those things which are before,”



## II. CALCULATE THE INTENSITY, 3:14

Phil. 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

### A. The Grit – “I press...”

- What is my greatest challenge?
- What can I do to make the greatest difference?
- What is the greatest measurement?



## B. The Goal – “... toward the mark...”

- Family
- Friends
- Finances
- Fitness
- Faithfulness

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

C. The Glory – “...for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”





### III. COMMIT TO THE INVOLVEMENT, 3:15-16

Phil. 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

#### A. Learn from what you have learned – Phil. 3:15

Phil. 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.



B. Live by the truth you have learned -- Phil. 3:16

Phil. 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.







## Conclusion

Doug Hammett has a simple formula the he calls

God's Formula for Good Success  
Josh. 1:8

Josh. 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.



$$V + F = G_{sm}$$

$$(G_{sm}/A_t = A_n) + L = S$$

$$S \times P = G.S.$$

V = Vision

F = Faith

$G_{sm}$  = Smart Goal

Over the next 13 weeks, meditate on one different command each week and act on it each day, Monday through Friday.

$A_t$  = Total Actions

1. Gather a list of commands.
2. Select 13 of them.

Sunday – Develop a practical action for each command.  
Write the verse on a 3x5 card for meditation.  
M-F – Review the plan each morning. Record the action  
each evening.

$A_n$  = Next Action

L = Learning

S = Success

P = Purpose

G.S. = Good Success



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Vision + Faith = Smart Goal

Smart Goal/Total Actions = Next Action + Learning = Success

Success x Purpose = Good Success

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