

## **Top Ten Things to Say About a Christmas Gift You Don't Like...**

10. Hey! Now there's a gift!
9. Well, well, well...
8. Boy, if I had not recently shot up 4 sizes that would've fit.
7. This is perfect for wearing around the basement.
6. Gosh. I hope this never catches fire! It is fire season though. There are lots of unexplained fires.
5. If the dog buries it, I'll be furious!
4. I love it - but I fear the jealousy it will inspire.
3. Sadly, tomorrow I enter the Federal Witness Protection Program.
2. To think I got this the year I vowed to give all my gifts to charity.
1. I really don't deserve this.

# New Year *New Perspective*

**Philippians 3:12-14**



•**Philippians 3:12-14 (KJV)**

<sup>12</sup> *Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.*

<sup>13</sup> *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, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

•**Philippians 3:12-14 (AMP)**

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) *and* make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me *and* made me His own.

<sup>13</sup> I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured *and* made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

# New Perspective on Self (12a)

*“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect..”*

- **Attained** (*to Win – no more conflict – finish course –rec’d prize*)
- **Perfect** (*completed – no more room for growth*)

**I Am Not Yet Perfect...**

**...therefore I Need to Be Patient**

○ **With Self**

▪ **When...**

- I Fail, Fall – *This is Not All !*
- I Succeed, Achieve –*Again This is Not All !*

○ **With Others**

▪ **When...**

- They Fail, Fall – *This is Not All !*
- They Succeed, Achieve –*Again This is Not All !*



# *New Perspective on Past*

(13a)

*“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind”*

- **One Thing I Do** (*single objective- focus- not divided in mind*)
  - **Forgetting** (*lose out of mind*)
  - **Behind** (*following behind- cant deny –but not let destroy*)
- **My Past can..**
    - **Trap Me**
      - Regrets- Regress
    - **Teach Me**
      - Repeat in Head (Yes)
      - Repeat in Action (No)

*“We are products of our past...*

*...but we don't have to be prisoners of it”*

# *New Perspective on Present*

(13b)

*“...reaching forth unto those things which are before”*

*it is to be Pursued with “Passion + Direction”*

## **All My**

- **Energy**
- **Resources**
- **Hopes**
- **Dreams**

**The Past is Behind Me  
The Future is Ahead of Me  
God is With Me  
And Nothing Shall Be Impossible**



# New Perspective on Prize

(14)

*"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"*

*it is to be Pursued with "Intensity"*

**Press >**

- **Through the Past...**
- **In the Present**
- **For the Future**



*"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? so run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" -1 Cor. 9:24-27*



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