

“The Mindset of a Spiritual Champion”

(Sunday Morning December 28th, 2025)

Passage: Philippians 3:12-14

2 Cor 4:8-9 “8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed”

The Apostle Paul had the mindset of a spiritual champion, and he gives us his m_____ for spiritual success in the passage of scripture.

I. A Spiritual Champion Will R_____ His P_____

One thing this passage does is this; it brings a hammer down on the heresy of spiritual p_____.

James 3:2 “For we all stumble in many ways...”

1 John 1:8 “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us”

One of the healthiest things we can so spiritually is to develop an attitude of spiritual d_____, and that is what the Apostle Paul did.

II. A Spiritual Champion Will R_____ His P_____

Eph 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them”

1 Pet 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God”

One of the reasons that we should desire to find out what God wants us to accomplish in life is so that we can f_____ in on it.

III. A Spiritual Champion Will R_____ His P_____

a. First, Paul Could Have Been Distracted by His Past F_____

1 Tim 1:15 (Reference)

b. Second, Paul Could Have Been Distracted by His Past A_____

Heb 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (NKJV)

None of us should be consumed with guilt over our past mistakes; instead, we should learn what we can from them, accept God’s f_____ and move on.

Heb 12:15 “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled”

IV. A Spiritual Champion Will R_____ for His P_____

1 Cor 9:25 "Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable"

Matt 11:11-12 "11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force"

1 Cor 15:10 "...by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me"

a. We Need to Study the W_____ of G_____

1 Pet 2:2 "like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation"

b. We Need to Spend T_____ in P_____

1 Thes 3:10 "...we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith"

c. We Need to Follow a S_____ M_____

Phil 3:17 "Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us."

d. We Need to Pursue the W_____ of G_____

Rom 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect"

e. We Need to E_____ Some T_____

1 Pet 5:10 "After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you"

Heb 12:1-2 "2 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"