

**Philippians 3:12-4:1**

v12 – obtained	(verb)	gained possession of (something); reached a goal
v13 – consider	(verb)	assess as having a particular quality
v13 – taken hold	(phrase)	have taken complete ownership of something
v13- straining	(verb)	making a great effort to do something that is hard work
v14 – heavenward	(adverb)	towards heaven, where God dwells; in the direction of heaven
v15 – mature	(adjective)	fully grown; fully developed
v16 – attained	(verb)	gained (something) by effort
v17 – model	(noun)	example
v18 – often	(adverb)	much of the time; many times
v19 – destiny	(noun)	future outcome that is controlled by a higher power (i.e. God)
v19 – destruction	(noun)	a state of being so damaged that it can't be fixed
v19 – glory	(noun)	fame; honour
v19 – shame	(noun)	being without honour; strong feeling of sadness and embarrassment because you have done something wrong
v20 – citizenship	(noun)	a person's status of legally belonging to a country
v20 – heaven	(place)	the place where God is/ dwells
v20 – eagerly	(adverb)	with excitement and enthusiasm
v20 – Saviour	(noun)	a person who saves someone from danger; Jesus Christ who saves us from our sins
v21 – enables	(verb)	makes it possible for something to happen
v21 – transforms	(verb)	changes something into something else
v21 – lowly	(adjective)	being of low importance; simple
v21 – glorious	(adjective)	having glory; beautiful; wonderful

**Philippians 3:12 – 4:1 (New International Reader's Version)**

<sup>12</sup> I have not yet received all these things. I have not yet reached my goal. Christ Jesus took hold of me so that I could reach that goal. So I keep pushing myself forward to reach it. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I don't consider that I have taken hold of it yet. But here is the one thing I do. I forget what is behind me. I push hard toward what is ahead of me. <sup>14</sup> I push myself forward toward the goal to win the prize. God has appointed me to win it. The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus himself.

<sup>15</sup> So all of us who are grown up in the faith should see things this way. Maybe you think differently about something. But God will make it clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already reached.

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join together in following my example. You have us as a model. So pay close attention to those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> I have told you these things many times before. Now I tell you again with tears in my eyes. Many people live like enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> The only thing they have coming to them is death. Their stomach is their god. They brag about what they should be ashamed of. They think only about earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But we are citizens of heaven. And we can hardly wait for a Savior from there. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He has the power to bring everything under his control. By his power he will change our earthly bodies. They will become like his glorious body.

<sup>4:1</sup> My brothers and sisters, in this way remain strong in the Lord. I love you and long for you. Dear friends, you are my joy and my crown.