#### SUCCEEDING IN LIFE How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life - Part 8

**Philippians 3:17** "Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do."

## Paul's Pattern for Successful Living

### I. EVALUATION:

- **Philippians 3:12-13** "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made <u>perfect</u> ... I do not <u>consider</u> myself yet to have taken hold of it."
- Philippians 3:12 (GN) "I don't claim that I have already succeeded or become perfect."
- **Proverbs 28:13 (GN)** "You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you."

#### II. ELIMINATION:

- **Philippians 3:13b** "But this one thing I do<u>; forgetting what is</u> behind ... "
- **Isaiah 43:18** "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!"
- Luke 9:62 (GN) "Jesus said, `Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God."

#### III. CONCENTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 3:13c** "But this <u>ONE THING I do ...</u> straining toward what is <u>ahead I press on toward the goal</u> ... "

- I Corinthians 9:24 "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? <u>Run in such a way as to win the prize.</u>
- 2 Corinthians 5:9 "So we make our goal to please Him ..."

# IV. DETERMINATION: \_\_\_\_

- **Philippians 3:14** "I press on to win <u>the prize</u> for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
- Acts 20:24 "But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me, in order that I may <u>complete my mission</u> and <u>finish the work</u> that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News of the grace of God."
- **2 Timothy 4:7-8** "I have <u>fought</u> the good fight, I have <u>finished</u> the race, I have <u>kept</u> the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord ... will award to me on that day ..."
- **Philippians 3:15-16** "All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained."
- **Galatians 6:9** "Let us not grow weary in doing good. For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
- **Philippians 1:6** "Be confident of this very thing. That He [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion unto the day of Christ Jesus."