

# The Seeker's Reward

Week 3 | Pursuing God

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## **Phillippians 3:3-14 ESV**

*For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

*Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

## **What Does Pursuing God Look Like?**

### **A. Pursuing God is a Decision**

“The moment we make up our minds that we are going on with this determination to exalt God over all we step out of the world’s parade.”

**-A.W. Tozer**

### **Matthew 5:6 ESV**

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

**Psalm 84:1-2**

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

**B. Pursuing God is a Journey**

**Psalm 84:5-7 NKJV**

*Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on **pilgrimage**. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.*

**C. Pursuing God is the Destination**

**Phillippians 3:12 NKJV**

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*