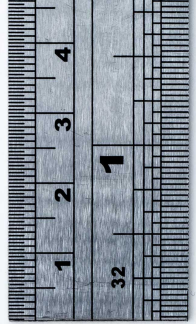




MARKS OF MATURITY

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16



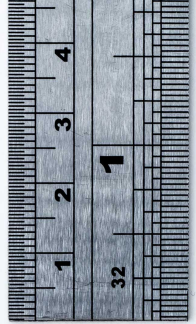
Realizing We Have Not Yet Attained

vv. 12, 13

- Because Jesus Is Our Example
 - We Are to Imitate Him

1st Cor. 11:1; Eph. 4:12, 13; Rom. 8:29
 - We Are to Walk as He Walked (Live as He Lived)

1st John 2:6; Matt. 4:1-11; 1st Pet. 2:23; Matt. 14:13, 14



Realizing We Have Not Yet Attained

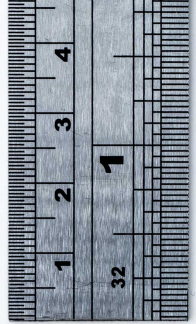
vv. 12, 13

- Because Heaven Is Our Goal
 - We're Not There Yet!

Phlp. 1:24; Heb. 4:10; 10:36

- We Will Be Preparing

1st Thess. 5:6; 1st Cor. 9:24



Forgetting What Lies Behind

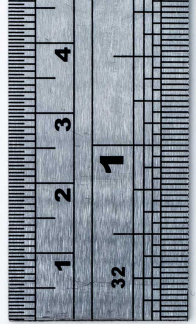
v. 13

- The Wrongs
 - All Have Sinned

Romans 3:23

- But We Are Forgiven!

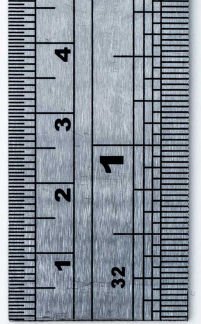
Colossians 2:13; 1st John 1:9



Forgetting What Lies Behind

v. 13

- The Good Deeds
 - What Are We Doing For Him NOW?
Romans 2:17-20
 - Turning Away Will Bring Condemnation
2nd Peter 2:20-22; Ezekiel 18:24



Reaching For The Things Ahead

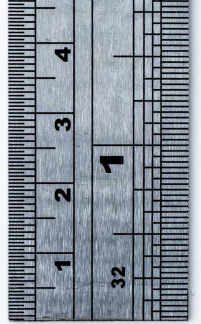
v. 13

- Reaching For A Deeper Knowledge
 - To Be Approved By Him

2nd Timothy 2:15

- To Grow

1st Peter 2:2; 2nd Peter 3:18



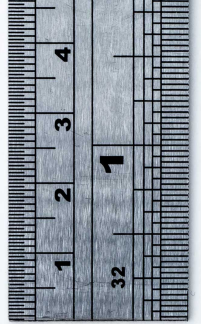
Reaching For The Things Ahead

v. 13

- Abounding in the Work of the Lord
 - There Is Much Work To Be Done

1st Corinthians 15:58; John 4:35; Matthew 9:37
 - Never Growing Weary

Galatians 6:9, 10



Pressing Toward The Goal

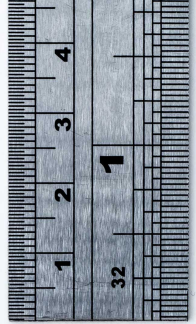
v. 14

- Striving
 - With Diligence

Hebrews 11:6; 2nd Timothy 3:12

- With Excellence

1st Thessalonians 4:1, 9-10



Pressing Toward The Goal

v. 14

- Looking Beyond the Temporal
 - Walking By Faith

2nd Corinthians 4:16-5:7
 - A Mind Set on the Heavenly Things

Colossians 3:1, 2

