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### II. One thing we must strive to have.

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1. We must continually reach for what lies ahead for us in Christ.
2. We must press on toward the goal of getting the prize:

#### B. Paul did not let his past set the course of his future and his purpose.

1. He knew he could not dwell on his mistakes and failure.
2. He had to move forward in obedience to Christ.

C. **Question:** What is the main goal of your life?

### III. One thing is necessary in our daily bustle.

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#### A. Every day the Lord delays is salvation for the lost.

1. Every day the Lord does not return is an opportunity to repent of our sins.

B. **Question:** Are you sharing Christ with the lost that surround you? What's keep you from repenting?

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