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Discover God's Wisdom
for Today's Challenges

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Today's
Wisdom
Thought is:

I WILL MOVE FORWARD
AND NOT BACKWARD

Philippians 3:14 — I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1st

I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL!

Hebrews 12:1 — Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Nehemiah 6:1-4 — When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates—² Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.” But they were scheming to harm me; ³ so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?” ⁴ Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

DO I WANT TO REACH MY GOAL OR NOT?

2nd

MY PURPOSE IN MOVING FORWARD
IS TO WIN THE PRIZE

1 Corinthians 9:24 — Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 — I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Corinthians 11:23-31 — Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, who is to be praised forever, knows that I am not lying.

Acts 14:19-20 — Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

3rd

I'M GOING FORWARD TOWARD THE PRIZE
AND NOT BACKWARD, BECAUSE GOD
CALLED ME FROM HEAVEN TO GO FOR IT!

Romans 11:29 — For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

Philippians 1:6 — He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Psalms 145:13 — The Lord is faithful to all HIS promises!

Philippians 4:14 — I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.