***Pressing In for the Prize***

***Philippians 3: 12-16***

* ***What does it mean to press in? There are many things in our lives that we consistently pursue i.e. income ( of some sort), relationships(felatio or Eros), approval, and personal interests. We go after what we want!!! Paul is telling us to go after a relationship with God the same way we go after other thing we want.***
* ***Give God a chance to do what He says He will..many times we continue doing the same things we always do and this keeps God from showing you that He has done it for you***

1.

***to act upon with steadily applied weight or force.***

2.

to move by weight or ***force in a certain direction or into a certain position***: The crowd pressed him into a corner. (the symptoms of sickness can be pressed out by our insistence upon what the Word says and our unchanging view)

4.

***to weigh heavily upon; subject to pressure***.

7.

***to extract juice, sugar, etc., from by pressure: to press grapes.***

9.

***to beset or harass; afflict: He was pressed by problems on all sides.(To give the devil trouble on all sides i.e. to pray, to fast, to love others, not be offended, to give etc.)***

10.

***to trouble or oppress; put into a difficult position, as by depriving: Poverty pressed them hard.***

11.***to urge or entreat strongly or insistently: to press for payment of a debt; to press for an answer.***

12.

to emphasize or propound forcefully; ***insist upon: He pressed his own ideas on us. (nothing supersedes the Word of God)***

***13.***

***to plead with insistence: to press a claim***.

14.

***to urge onward; hasten: He pressed his horse to go faster.***

15.

***to push forward.***

–verb (used without object)

16.

***to manufacture (phonograph records, videodiscs, or the like), esp. by stamping from a mold or matrix. (children emulate, mimic parents)***

17.

***to exert weight, force, or pressure***. (The kingdom suffereth violence and the violent take it by force)

20.

***to bear heavily, as upon the mind.***

22.

***to compel haste: Time presses. (to get into place:aligned with God)***

***23.***

***to demand immediate attention.***

***24.to use urgent entreaty: to press for an answer. (in prayer for others or needs)***

***25.***

***to push forward or advance with force, eagerness, or haste: The army pressed to reach the river by dawn.***

34.

***the consensus of the general critical commentary or the amount of coverage accorded a person, thing, or event, esp. in newspapers and periodicals (often prec. by good or bad): The play received a good press. The minister's visit got a bad press. (DO WE REPRESENT GOD OR PORTRAY HIM RIGHT IN FRONT OF OTHERS:OUR LIFE AND TREATMENT OF GOD’S PEOPLE)***