

“The Joy of Christian Ambition”

Philippians 3:11-21

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No man labored more intensely in the ministry than John Wesley. He averaged 800 sermons a year – more than fifteen a week. For sixty years he preached to open-air throngs all over the British Isles. Wesley drew immense crowds: often 10,000 to 20,000 persons waited to hear him preach. He went wherever the population was the thickest. His mission took him into the mines, the fields, the streets, and the churches. He rode horseback 20,000 miles a year, reading out of his saddle bag as he rode. In his labors he covered more than 250,000 miles and preached more than 42,000 sermons. He produced more than 200 works.

I. GOD’S HAND IS UPON US:

- A. Nobody is perfect, so why concern ourselves with trying to be better?
- B. Christ Jesus laid hold of me at an early age.
- C. The real joy of pressing on toward perfection is to pleasing God.

II. JESUS’ GOAL IS BEFORE US:

- A. The key to progress in any area of life is to narrow your ambition.
- B. Pressing toward the goal for the prize is a picture of a winner.
- C. This is a blessing realized by many Christ followers.

III. HEAVEN’S GLORY IS AWAITING US:

- A. Our citizenship in heaven is a reality that affects our ambition here.
- B. Our citizenship in heaven effects how we act and the way we treat others.