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Philippians 3:14
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Find the 10 words hidden in the puzzle.

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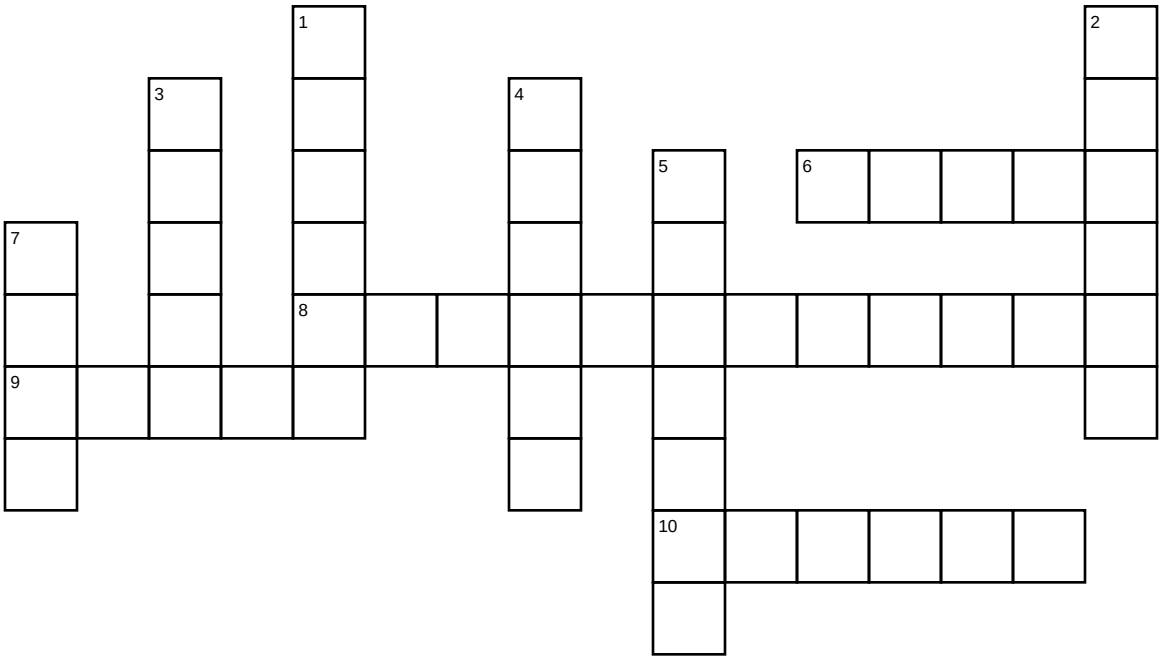
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Philippians 3:7–16 (ESV) — Bible Crossword

Look up each verse to find the answer.



ACROSS

6. According to Paul, righteousness comes through _____ in Christ. (v. 9)

8. Paul wants to know the power of Christ's what? (v. 10)

9. Paul strains forward to what lies where? (v. 13)

10. Who does Paul consider worth more than everything else? (v. 8)

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1. In what direction is God’s call in Christ Jesus? (v. 14)

2. Paul forgets what lies where? (v. 13)

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7. What does Paul press on toward? (v. 14)

The Race to Do Good

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of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

This month, challenge your whole family to *be intentional*.

Look for opportunities to serve others and show gratitude
at home, at church, at school, and in everyday life.

Ideas for the Whole Family

- Offer to help before being asked.
- Encourage someone with kind and positive words.
- Include someone who might feel left out or alone.
- Thank someone for something they regularly do.
- Look for a need and meet it in a practical way.
- Show appreciation for those who serve and care for others (e.g., teachers, church workers, family, and friends).

KEEP GOING!

Talk Together:

- How did you see opportunities to do good this week?
- How can we be more intentional about serving others and keep pressing toward the goal of following Christ?

Pressing Toward the Goal

Philippians 3:14 (ESV)

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul knew what it meant to strive toward a goal with determination. In Philippians 3:4–6, he lists his credentials, calling himself a "Hebrew of Hebrews." He had great status among the Pharisees and was devoted completely to his beliefs. When he encountered Christ, his understanding of God's will changed, but his enthusiasm did not.

In Philippians 3:8, Paul says he counts everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus. He even describes what he once considered valuable as rubbish. The Greek word, skybala, can refer to garbage, refuse, or even poop!

Paul had once pursued righteousness through his religious accomplishments, until he learned that righteousness comes through faith in Christ, not through his own efforts (Philippians 3:9). He gained more than he left behind.

In verses 10–11, Paul describes his desire to know Christ, the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings. This isn't simply knowing about Jesus. It is a deep, personal connection to the Savior.

Despite all that Paul experienced, he tells the Philippians that he hasn't yet obtained his goal or reached perfection. In verses 12–13, he describes the ongoing race. He doesn't focus on the accomplishments or failures of the past; rather, he presses forward!

Goals are not the same as wishes or dreams. Goals require work and intentional action. We can make to-do lists all day, but none of that is action. We can say we want something, but unless we do something about that desire, it is only wishful thinking.

Paul didn't stop when he recognized what mattered. He put his new understanding to work, changing the direction of his life. He continued running toward Christ, even through hardship, opposition, and uncertainty.

Our spiritual growth requires more than good intentions. When we say we want to know God's Word, strengthen our faith, and serve others, but do not allow those desires to influence the choices we make, we are standing still while others run the race around us.

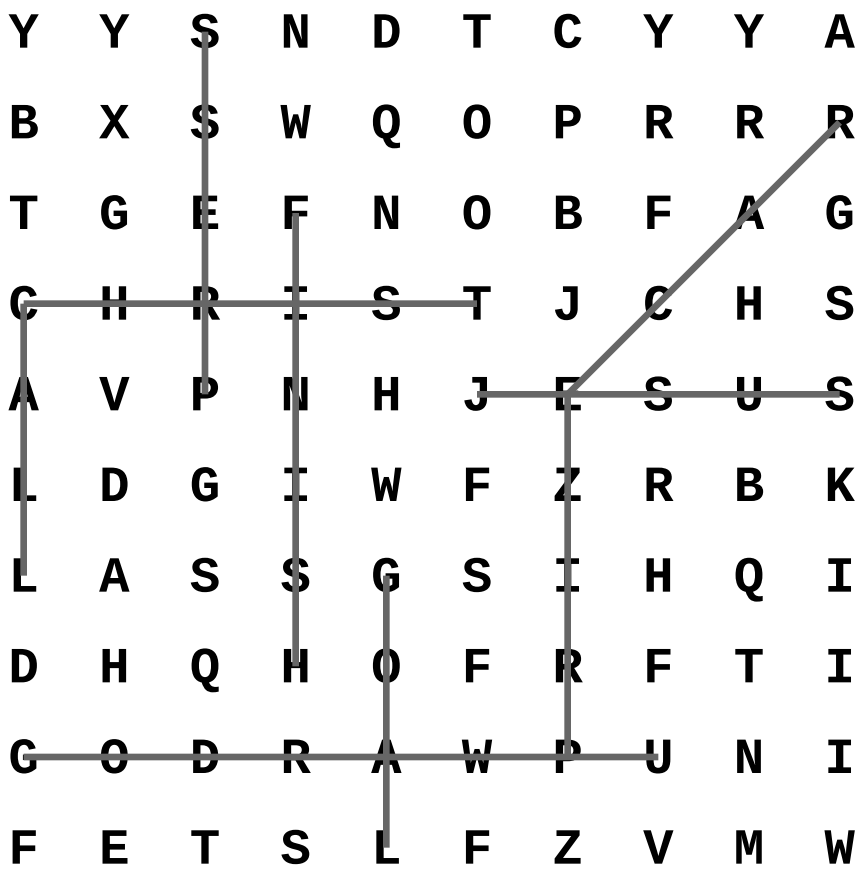
What are you pursuing, and do your daily choices reflect that goal?

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Growing Up in the Lord

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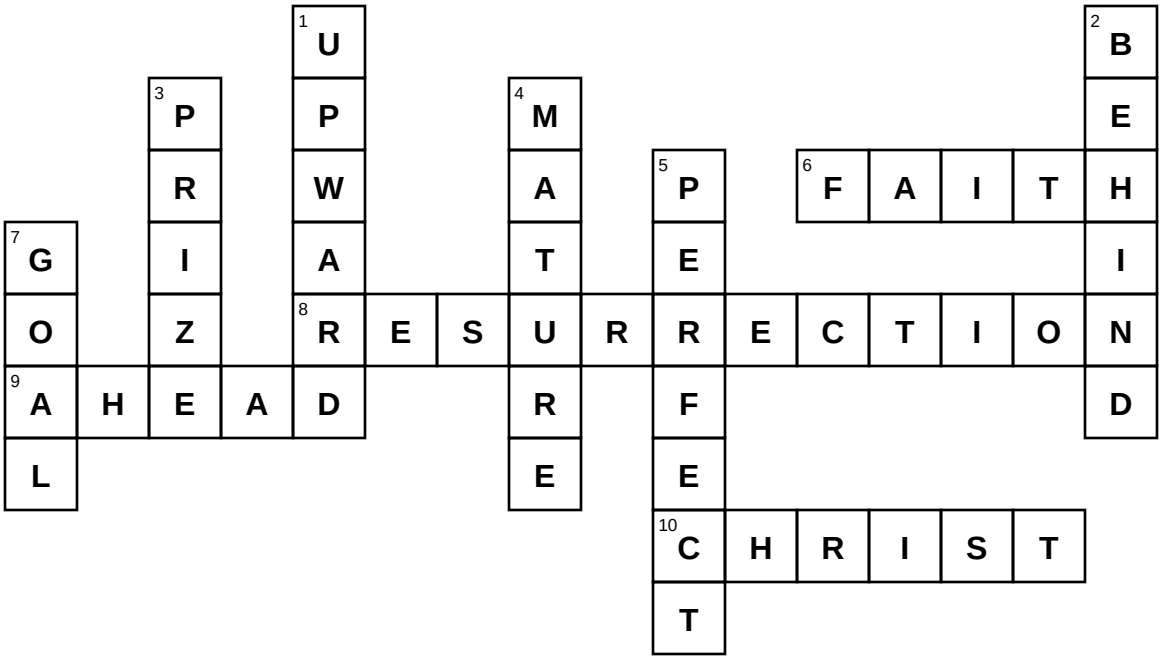


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