

**Pressing Towards the Goal****Series: Beyond the Summit**

- A. While we should resist the urge to focus too much on the future in this life, it is extremely important to *not* lose focus of our future in the life \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Lk 12:19 - "Be on your guard; your life is *not* about how many possessions you can accumulate"
1. Our true summits of life are *not* determined by how much wealth we have accumulated or not
  2. Mt 16:26 - "Let's say that a person actually gains the entire world! What good does it do a person, if they gain the entire world, but then they forfeit their \_\_\_\_\_?"
- C. What makes for a true "summit" in life? Is it something you can physically achieve? Or, is it something deeper that is inherently tied to your soul and an eternal future that has nothing to do with what we accumulate down here on earth?
1. "Don't spend your life accumulating those things that thieves can break in and steal, or moths or rust can destroy. Instead, spend your time building up treasures in heaven, where no one can steal them, and they cannot be destroyed."
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ is filled with summit after summit, and we will be able to enjoy and explore those beautiful summits for the rest of eternity
1. 1 Cor 2:9 "No eye has seen, nor ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."
  2. Mt 13:44 "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."
- E. As we are struggling up this mountain, it is fundamentally important to keep our eyes on the "sky" that is \_\_\_\_\_ the summit. For in reality, that is where we are headed, not just some rocky mountaintop with a view; rather, we are headed for an eternal home in perfect heaven forever
- F. As you are hiking up your mountain of life, always \_\_\_\_\_ (never quit trying to better your soul), and never forget what awaits you beyond the summit; because when you get there, no matter what you have faced, it's going to make the entire climb worthwhile.
1. "I press on to the goal of winning the prize of God." Phil 3:14
- G. The true summit of "life" is about getting to the life to come in the best "\_\_\_\_\_ shape" possible.
- H. The *real* blessings of Christmas, start and end with our God who came in the form of Jesus to show us the way to the summit beyond all summits; and to give us a true hope that this life just pales in comparison to what awaits us in heaven
- A. to come B. soul D. Heaven E. beyond F. press on G. spiritual