Weekly Devotional 4-28-2012 Press ON

Philippians 3:12-16: **12**Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. **13**Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, **14**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **15**Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. **16**Only let us hold true to what we have attained.”

 The most significant achievements of this world are those, which have been pressed on in spite of the difficulties and afflictions, those which arose that would detour the ordinary person. Do not consider yourself ordinary there is not another person on this earth like you who has what you possess, you are extraordinary and can achieve anything and I mean anything you set your thoughts to. This is the main thing to focus on, what you set your thoughts to, for what you perceive and believe, you can achieve. Your thoughts relate to your expectations if you expect bad things to happen, if you keep thinking oh I am going to lose this job, or I will never get above this addiction, or I am too sick and tired, then you are feeding those thoughts. And that is what you will get.

 Every one of us can learn this great truth, that as the power of the Holy Spirit of God grips you through the reading, studying of His Word, He draws near to you, all other obstacles will shrivel as dried grapes. In the life of the spirit filled person the blessed fact it that when a person is fully bent on going forward despite any obstacles or afflictions in their life, they find that no mountain is insurmountable. As Paul wrote in the book of Philippians we can achieve all things through Christ. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Paul who wrote most of the new testament knew this better than anyone, for in his various trials and struggles to preach the word of God and to get the message out, he was beaten, and put in prison, shipwrecked, snake bitten and almost died several times. Talk about trials and tribulations Paul suffered them. Nevertheless, he never lost his faith of what he could attain if only he kept his mind focused on Christ and his faith and belief in what Christ did for not only him but all of us.

 The favor of God is awaiting you! The blessings He wants to pour out on you are waiting for you. Are you ready to receive them? Open your mind, enlarge your faith, take the limits off of God and believe. God’s favour is FREE it cost you nothing but to believe and then receive them.

Pray this prayer: Father God bring to me your blessings. I believe your favor is upon me I am highly favored and blessed I am Your child LORD. LORD I believe, help my unbelief. Open doors that no man can open, bring to me (speak what your prayer is) and LORD as I wait upon Your timing bring to me the peace and understanding that You are at work in my life for the future You have destined for me, Amen Selah!