

## Forward

(Philippians 3:12-15)

Have you ever looked at the reverse of a Wisconsin State Quarter? It has a picture of a cow, an ear of corn, cheese and a word that says, "Forward." This word, Forward, should be the attitude of followers of Christ. Look at what the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3:12-15:

"Not that I have already obtained this (Christlikeness), or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things."

A mature view is knowing we are not perfect but desiring to grow into more like Christ. Our gaze is not fixed on what is behind but on what is ahead. The journey is not easy but requires us to daily surrender to the Spirit of God. God bless you!

