

Our lives,

transformed by the gospel,

learning to look at the world differently,

standing firm against temptation,

are just the start of a larger project.

- Peiramus: Trial/Temptation (out vs. in)
- Epithymia: Desire/Lust/overdesire

Heaven is not the goal it is the destination.

The Goal is Christ formed in you.

(Richard Foster)

What Do I Really Want

- To single-mindedly trust Jesus (to take God at His Word)
- To have a Christ-Like Character
- To be mature, complete
- To be one with God—not right with but one with
- Whole-hearted commitment to Jesus, His ways and His future

- Remember who Father God is and what He has Done
- Fix eyes on Jesus
- Let the Word of Truth give you new life
- See all from the perspective of eternity—this life is transitory
- Keep your eyes on the Goal—maturity in Christ—perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect
- See what is true according to God
- Take Responsibility
- Allow God to use every situation to uniquely fashion us into the image of Jesus

Prophets Called Blessed

- Those who see in difficulty the opportunity for God like character
- Those who seek God's forgiveness
- Those who do Justice

God is Good

- Only Good comes from God—and all that is good comes from Him
- Our Gift giver is the good Father of Creation
- His goodness will never change
- His goodness is in accord with and an extension of the goodness we experience in Salvation

We all Need

- Something to live on
- Something to live for
- Something to die for