

FORGETTING IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR FUTURE

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Philippians 3:12-14

The one thing that holds us back from embracing our future is **HOLDING ON TO THE PAST**. You will always reference the past because you do not have amnesia. However, referencing the past is different from holding on to it.

People who reference the past use it to benchmark how far they came. People who hold on to the past refuse to **LET GO OF WHAT HAPPENED**. When you hold on to what is behind you it prevents you from accepting what is in front of you.

Quality of life is not only predicated on value but it is also dependent on **MOVEMENT**. Moving from the past to the

present. Moving from yesterday to today. Moving from what's old to what's new.

DO NOT HOLD YOURSELF BACK

When you hold on to the failures of yesterday, today's opportunities will have no value to you. When you hold on to the successes of yesterday you will not work on today's achievements. When you hold on to old ideas you prevent yourself from receiving new thoughts.

When you hold on to old offenses you prevent your heart from receiving new love. One of the best gifts you can give yourself is **FORGETTING** what is behind you so you can **LIVE IN THE MOMENT**.

Living in the moment allows you to enjoy the present while looking forward to the future. Philippians 3:12-14 says, " I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal, but I continue trying to

reach it and to make it mine. Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his.

Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above."

The scripture above highlights the importance of forgetting the past. Remembering the past is like baggage on your shoulders. It will always weigh you down. If you are weighed down how fast and far can you run toward your future? You won't go very far because your progress is **LIMITED**.

Most times the devil is not the one holding you back. It's your **MEMORY**. If not managed properly your memory can discourage you to the point it immobilizes you.

When your memory is functioning like this, you have an internal enemy...**YOU**. Unfortunately, Many people have a

hard time overcoming the events in their past life. When you continuously rehearse the bad times in the past, your future is held hostage.

You can enter a new day. Wake up to a new morning. See new people, but if you are **RELIVING** the past in your mind you are still stuck in yesterday. What is behind you cannot help you. What was done cannot be changed. What was said has already been heard.

Do not let old seeds contaminate fresh soil. Today and tomorrow is **FRESH** soil. Do something great today so your tomorrow can be greater. Say something inspiring today so your tomorrow can be up-lifting. Your ability to abandon and **LET GO** of the past will **DETERMINE** the quality of your future.

CLEAR VISION

People who can **CLEARLY** see what is in front of them have let go of what is behind them. Clear vision removes

doubtful thoughts. Clear vision demolishes complacency. Clear vision destroys hesitation. Clear vision eviscerates procrastination.

When you have clear vision you are moving forward at an accelerated pace because there is nothing distracting your vision. If you are not moving like this in your life there is something in your memory bank that is clouding your future vision. Jesus said it best as it pertained to His Kingdom message.

“Luke 9:62 says, “Jesus said, “Anyone who begins to plow a field but keeps looking back is of no use in the kingdom of God.” People who hold on to their past is no good to themselves, their love ones and most importantly, the Kingdom of God. Make sure this is not you.

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