

Philippians 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

Philippians 3:13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

Philippians 3:14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:15 Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you.

Philippians 3:16 But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

INTRODUCTION

TRYING TO FORGET THE PAST IS A MISTAKE. TRYING TO CONVINCING YOURSELF NOT TO GO BACK TO YOUR OLD SIN IS A MISTAKE.

WAKING UP EVERY DAY AND TELLING YOURSELF "IM NOT GOING TO SIN" IS A MISTAKE.

“WHEN YOU ARE READY TO TRANSITION YOUR FOCUS MUST BE ON WHAT YOU ARE ENTERING NOT WHAT YOU ARE LEAVING”.

1. THE ABILITY TO FORGET THE PAST DEPENDS ON HOW WELL YOU DESCRIBE THE FUTURE!

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR 2023?

WHAT ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO SUCCEED?

WHO DO YOU NEED TO HELP YOU COMPLETE IT?

2. YOUR ABILITY TO DESCRIBE FUTURE DEPENDS ON WHO YOU LISTEN TO!

WHO ARE THE VOICES IN YOUR EAR?

1 Kings 12:7 The older counselors replied, “If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects.”

1 Kings 12:8 But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers.

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING TO YOU?

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE FATHER'S VOICE?

John 10:26 But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

3. HOW WELL YOU HEAR GOD IS THE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL LIFE!

JOHN 10:10 - A RICH AND SATISFYING LIFE.

I WENT TO MIT, I FOUND LADY J, I STARTED THIS CHURCH AND THOSE DECISIONS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE.

BECAUSE I HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD!

ALL MY FAILURES HAVE COME WHEN I WAS EITHER NOT MAKING THE WORD AND PRAYER A PRIORITY OR I GOT CAUGHT UP IN WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY OR BOTH!

HOW DO I HEAR HIS VOICE?

1. I MADE THE STUDY OF HIS WORD MY PRIORITY

Philippians 2:16 Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

Philippians 2:17 But I will rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God, just like your faithful service is an offering to God. And I want all of you to share that joy.

2. I MADE WORSHIP AND PRAYER A WAY OF LIFE.

Matthew 14:23 After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

3. I DECIDED THAT OBEYING HIM WAS ALL THAT MATTERED.

Philippians 2:12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.
Philippians 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.