

## Something to forget

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### Introduction

1. Philippians 3:13-14
2. Paul lived a successful life 2 Timothy 4:6-8
3. Paul's life is worth of emulation 1 Corinthians 11:1
4. Paul is revealing the philosophy of living a successful live
5. Therefore if we want to be successful in life let us find what we need to do and put that into practice.

### II Discussion

1. There is a single mindedness to be had
  - a. This one thing I do Vs 13
  - b. The early church had this same concern Acts 2:46
  - c. We are not to be as children and have our attention divided Ephesians 4:14
  - d. We are to have our eye on the goal Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:2; Matthew 6:33
  - e. This starts by our loving God with all we have and are Matthew 22:37
2. There are some things that need to be forgotten Vs 13
  - a. "Forgetting" means to lose out of mind by implication; to neglect.
  - b. Paul was forgetting his pre-Christian life. 3:7-9
    - i. He had position Galatians 1:14
    - ii. He had confidence 3:4
    - iii. He made havoc of the church Acts 8:1-3
    - iv. He persecuted the church Galatians 1:13
  - c. Paul was forgetting his progress as a Christian lest he be satisfied with what he had done. 2 Corinthians 12:8-10; 3:13
  - d. We need to forget something
    - i. Sins Hebrews 3:13; 8:12
    - ii. Defeats Philippians 4:13
    - iii. Accomplishments 2 Peter 3:18; Revelation 3:15-17
3. There is a reaching for the goal
  - a. Reaching describes a runner who stretches for the goal
  - b. Paul reached for something
    - i. Perfection 3:15 means full-grown or mature; 1 Corinthians 2:6 KJV and ASV
    - ii. A deeper knowledge of Christ Philippians 3:10
    - iii. Maintaining the right relationship to Christ Philippians 3:9 "found in him"
    - iv. Attaining the resurrection of the dead Philippians 3:11
4. There is a pressing toward the mark
  - a. Press means to pursue
  - b. The prize is connected to the high calling of God 3:14
    - i. God calls Acts 2:40
    - ii. God calls men into the Christian vocation Ephesians 4:1
    - iii. God calls by the Gospel 2 Thessalonians 2:14

- iv. God's call demands obedience Acts 22:16
- c. The prize
  - i. The prize is the "crown of life" 2 Timothy 4:8; James 1:12
  - ii. The crown is incorruptible 1 Corinthians 9:25
  - iii. Those who make their calling sure have an abundant entrance into heaven 2 Peter 1:10-11

#### Conclusion

1. Thus the successful life is one of single mindedness, forgetting, reaching and pressing
2. This kind of life will cause one to live abundantly John 10:10
3. What kind of life are you living?

Sources: Reason to Rejoice by Tom Holland; A.T. Roberson Word Studies; Strong's Concordance; Thompson's chain reference; Denton Lecture on Philippians 2000