Projecting Goals for Our Lives

Philippians 3:12-14

Introduction:

1. An Assessment of the Present – 3:12

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”

1. A Realistic View of our Modeling – 3:12a
2. The Purpose of Our Salvation

“Not that I have already ﻿﻿attained,”

1. The Provision of Our Salvation
2. The Appropriation of Our Salvation
3. A Realistic View of our Maturity – 3:12b

“or am already ﻿﻿perfected;”

1. Where I am – (I have a long way to go)
2. What I should Do – (Acts my age)
3. How I should Progress – (I should plan for growth)
4. A Realistic View of our Ministry – 3:12c

“*but I press on* that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.”

1. What has God Guided Me to Do?
2. What has God Gifted Me to Do?
3. What has God Given Me to Do?
4. An Attitude Toward the Past – 3:13a

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“forgetting those things which are behind”

1. Our Past Life as a Unbeliever -

With Paul, it may have been, persecuting the church - v. 5.

1. No Postmortems
2. No “brag-amonies” about my Sin (Vicarious thrill for others)
3. Our Past Life as a Believer
4. Don’t Dwell on “my Past Mistakes.”

1. Don’t Dwell on Past Mistakes of Others.
2. Past Successes in Either Life
3. Paul had his Share of These
4. Satan Attacks at Times of Success.

God gave him a thorn in the flesh

2 Corinthians 12:7

﻿“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a ﻿﻿thorn in the flesh was given to me, ﻿﻿a messenger of Satan to ﻿﻿buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.”

1. Be Careful about Pride

I Corinthians 3:6

“I planted, ﻿﻿Apollos watered, God was giving the increase.”

1. An Anticipation of the Future – 3:13b-14

“those things which are ahead,”

1. Concentrating on the Race – Reaching forth – 3:13b

[ἐπεκτεινόμενος ] – stretching out

Hebrews 12:1 ﻿

“let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares *us,* and ﻿﻿let us run ﻿﻿with endurance the race that is set before us.”

1. Keeping an Eye on the Mark – 3:14a

“I press toward the goal for the prize” - Pressing toward the mark

We are looking off away unto Jesus. We need a stationary object.

1. Remembering the Prize – 3:14b

“of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” - Received at the “upward calling of God.”

Why do we serve God?

1. The Love of Christ Compels Us.

2 Corinthians – 5:14-15

“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that ﻿﻿if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, ﻿﻿that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

1. The Authority of Christ Commands Us

“All authority…”

“Go, therefore…”

1. The Reward of Christ Coerces Us

1 Corinthians 3

2 Corinthians 5

Conclusion: