

SUCCEEDING IN LIFE

How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life – Part 8

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Philippians 3:12-21

"Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do." vs. 17

Paul's Pattern for Successful Living

I. EVALUATION: _____

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it." vs. 12-13

"I don't claim that I have already succeeded or become perfect." (GN)

"You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you."

Proverbs 28:13 (GN)

Question: _____

II. ELIMINATION: _____

""But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind.... " v. 13b

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!" (says the Lord) Isaiah 43:18

What to Forget:

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"Jesus said, 'Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God.'" Luke 9:62 (GN)

Question: _____

III. CONCENTRATION: _____

"But one thing I do: ... straining toward what is ahead I press on toward the goal..." vs. 13c-14a

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to win the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:24

What is "The Goal"?

"So we make it our goal to please Him..." 2 Corinthians 5:9

Question: _____

IV. DETERMINATION: _____

"... I press on to take hold of that straining toward what is ahead ... I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord...will award to me on that day..." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Three Suggestions: vs. 15-16

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Two Promises:

"Let us not grow weary in doing good. For at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

"Being confident of this very thing. That He [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6