

WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - AUGUST 4, 2018

TOPIC: DOING THE "ONE THING" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 3: *Forgetting, Straining, & Pressing On For Christ!*

TEXT: Philippians 3:7-14

INTRO: Philippians chapter 3 describes the Great Apostle Paul's perspective on the Christian's past, present, and future!

I. WE SHOULD FORGET THE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND US: v.13b

Note: These are the **past experiences** of life!

1. Past **sins** must be **forgiven!** - Eccl. 3:15
**"Our God is the God of second chances!"*- Jon. 3:1
2. Past **failures** must be **forsaken!** - Eccl 3:15
**"We cannot change the past, but we can change the future!"*
 - John Rice!

II. WE SHOULD PRESS ON & FULFILL THE THINGS WHICH ARE WITH US: v.14

Note: These are the **present responsibilities** of life!

How? By Applying The Philippians 4:6 Principle:

1. By working = **Perspiration!**
Note: Solution to things we **HAVE** control of!
 - Thomas Edison/Pres. Theodore Roosevelt!

2. By praying = **Petition!**

Note: Solution to things we **DO NOT HAVE** control of!

- Job lay-offs, downsizing/The Serenity Prayer!

III. WE SHOULD STRAIN TOWARD THE THINGS WHICH ARE AHEAD OF US: v.13b

Note: These are the **future eventualities** of life!

How do we react to them? Answer: *By **FAITH** alone! - II Cor. 5:7

God's Promises Re Life's Future Eventualities:

1. Peace - Phil. 4:7

Note: Peace is the result of "perspiration" and "petition!"

2. Power - Phil. 4:13 cf. 2:13
3. Provision - Phil. 4:19 cf. v.18

CONCLUSION: God's Great Plan For You!

Life Of Lincoln!

"I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so." Abraham Lincoln's life is the best example of his own words. Consider the chronology of his career:

1831 - Failed in business	1843-Defeated For Congress
1832 - Defeated For Legislature	1846-Elected To Congress
1833 - Again Failed In Business	1848-Defeated For Congress
1834 - Elected To Legislature	1855-Defeated For Senate
1835 - Sweetheart Died	1856-Defeated For Vice-Pres.
1836 - Had Nervous Breakdown	1858-Defeated For Senate
1838 - Defeated For Speaker	1860-ELECTED PRESIDENT
1840 - Defeated For Elector	- Paul L. Tan

Verse(s) For Today

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...!" - Phil. 3:13b-14a

Food For Thought

"Never let the past determine your future!" - Unknown

