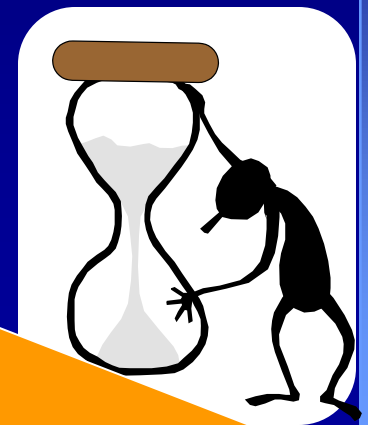


Letting Go Of the Past

Philippians 3:12-14

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Let Go of the Past...

...Nostalgia Isn't What It's Cracked Up To Be

- Foolish to mourn the “*good old days*”
 - **Ecclesiastes 7:10**
- The “*good old days*” are seldom as good as remembered
 - **Numbers 14:2**
- Be grateful for the blessings and the hope yet to come
 - **Ephesians 1:3; Hebrews 10:23**



Let Go of the Past...

...Problems of the Past Can Not Be Undone

- Must accept the past “as is”
 - **Ecclesiastes 11:3**
- God forgives, “BELIEVE IT”, move on
 - **Ephesians 4:32**
- Healthy sense of shame should motivate us to greater service
 - **1 Corinthians 15:9-10**



Let Go of the Past...

...Yesterday's Work Was Yesterday's Work

- Compete for the prize daily
 - **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**
- Run the race until it is finished
 - **Hebrews 6:1-12**
- Redeem the time, today, tomorrow, and everyday
 - **Ephesians 5:15-16**



Let Go of the Past...

...Cannot Grow Without Changing

- Never be comfortable with the status quo
 - **Luke 12:49-50; John 12:27; Hebrews 12:1-2**
- To live is to change, to change is to grow
 - **1 Peter 2:2 ; Hebrews 5:12-14**



Let Go of the Past...

...Nostalgia isn't what it's cracked up to be-----LOOK AHEAD!

...Mistakes of the past can never be changed-----LET IT GO !

...Yesterday's work was yesterday's work-----GET BUSY !

...Can't grow without moving on with your life----GET TO IT !



Letting Go of the Past...

...Requires Pressing Constantly Onward

- **Philippians 3:12**

...Requires understanding that the future greatly outweighs the past

- **Ecclesiastes 7:8; Ruth 3:10-11; John 14:1-6**

...Requires remembering Paul's words

- **Philippians 3:12-14**

