FASTEN TO THE FUTURE!

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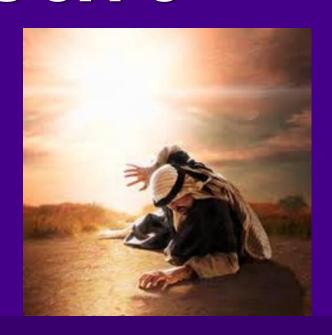
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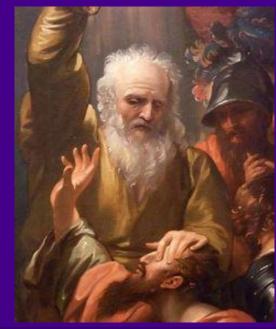
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How do you define success?

I. PAUL'S PEDIGREE DIDN'T ENSURE ETERNITY

Philippians 3:4-7 (NKJV) Acts 9:1-9





I Cor 2: 14 TPT

Someone living on an entirely human level rejects the revelations of God's Spirit, for they make no sense to him. He can't understand the revelations of the Spirit because they are only discovered by the illumination of the Spirit.

1 Cor 2:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

II. NEW GOALS

Philippians 3:8-9 (NKJV) 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith...

II. NEW GOALS

Philippians 3:8-9 (TPT)

...To truly know Him meant letting go of everything from my past and throwing all my boasting on the garbage heap. It's all like a pile of manure to me now, so that I may be enriched in the reality of knowing Jesus Christ and embrace Him as Lord in all of His greatness.

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Phil 3: 10-12 NKJV ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 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.

III. NEW PURPOSE

Phil 3:10-12 (TPT)

My passion is to be consumed with Him and not clinging to my own "righteousness" based in keeping the written Law. My "righteousness" will be His, based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ—the very righteousness that comes from God.

Phil 3:10-12 (TPT)

And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of His resurrection working in me.

IV. NEW FOCUS



Phil 3: 13-15 NKJV

¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Phil 3:13-15 TPT

I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into His abundance so that I may reach the purpose that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfill and wants me to discover. I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this;

Phil 3:13-15 TPT

however,
I do have one compelling focus:

I forget all of the past as
I fasten my heart
to the future
instead.

Phil 3:13-15 TPT

I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.

Phil 3:15-16 TPT

So let all who are fully mature have this same passion, and if anyone is not yet gripped by these desires, God will reveal it to them. And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion.

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