

REARVIEW MIRROR

Life is a Highway... Destination Happy! - Part 6
Philippians 3:12-14

Three keys to a Happy attitude towards tomorrow:

I. WE NEED TO FEAR CONTENTMENT.

One of the most significant factors in our attitude towards the future is our attitude towards the past.

- **Run with dissatisfaction.**
"I have not obtained, not become perfect."
- **Run with a goal in mind.**
"I haven't taken hold of it yet."

Toward the goal... to win the prize

- **Don't run away.**
"Forgetting what lies behind."

Forget: to treat with inattention or disregard.

We need to forget past griefs, guilts, and glories.

II. WE NEED A CLEAR COMMITMENT.

Paul makes that commitment clear in three words: "I press on."

Pressure does not come from great commitments, it comes from unclear commitments.

1. **Singular Commitment**
"One thing I do..."

2. **Visionary Commitment**
"To lay hold of that for which Christ laid hold of me."

3. **Energetic Commitment**
"Straining towards what is ahead."

4. **Called Commitment**
"For which God has called me."

III. WE NEED TO DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT.

1. **The principle of conservation: Don't go backwards.**
2. **The principle of imitation: Follow me.**

We get our English word mimic from the word here translated "follow".

We need GOOD examples because there are many BAD examples.

- Their God is their stomach: Wrong priorities.
- Their destiny destruction: Wrong direction.
- Glory in their shame: Wrong values.
- Mind on earthly: Wrong focus.

3. **The Principle of Separation: Change your address.**

The mark of citizenship: Eagerly await a Savior.

4. **The Principle of Transportation: Things will change.**

- Transformed by His power.
- Transformed to be like His glorious body.

"For our earthly bodies, the ones we have now that can die must be transformed into heavenly bodies that cannot perish but will live forever."
1 Cor. 15:53 (TLB)

