

**AS WE COME TO A NEW YEAR...  
PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16**

**Introduction**

**As we view the writings and the life of the Apostle Paul, he admittedly had his share of both problems and imperfections! Yet, he was a man who, after his conversion, lived about as practical and as holy as any man ever could before the LORD!**

**How was he able to do that? I think we find the answer to that question in this passage of Scripture in Philippians 3, especially in verse 13.**

**Paul knew that he could never change his past. So, he was determined to live each new day as unto the LORD!**

**We too should strive to live each day for the LORD, seeking to please the LORD in each day that He gives us!**

**We went into this year with high hopes and dreams of what the LORD would do and even praying for the LORD's coming again!  
(Remember our theme of praying for 20/20 vision in 2020!)**

**Well, then mid-March COVID-19 hit along with all the things that came our way because of it and it has turned out to be a tough year in many respects!**

**But if we'll be honest, it hasn't all been bad! Along with the trials that came our way, the LORD gave us His grace and mercy and helped us through our trials and is still with us!**

**What does 2021 hold for us? Will it be better or will it be tougher?  
The fact is that we just don't know!**

**We don't know what ANY of our tomorrows hold! But because of our relationship with the LORD, we know that HE holds our tomorrows!  
And if that be the case, the LORD will give us the measure of GRACE that we need to face the trials of those tomorrows and grow us through those tough times! But, we need to DETERMINE SOME THINGS:**

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**I. DETERMINE TO PUT THE PAST BEHIND!  
(*Philippians 3:13*)**

1. Our Past Frustrations and Disappointments.
2. Our Past Failures.
3. Our Worries And Fears.
4. Our Grievs.
5. Our Resentments Of The Past.

**We must stop opening the old sores and bad memories!  
Opening old sores slows down the healing process!**

**II. DETERMINE TO FOCUS ON THE RIGHT THINGS!  
(*Philippians 3:13-14*)**

*Matthew 6:33—“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

**III. DETERMINE TO LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME!**

*Matthew 6:34—“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”*

**IV. DETERMINE TO BE GENEROUS!  
(*2 Corinthians 9:6-8*)**

**V. DETERMINE TO CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE WHEN YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES!  
(*Philippians 4:11-13*)**

**VI. DETERMINE TO TRUST GOD WITH YOUR FUTURE!  
(*Proverbs 3:5-7*)**