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Forgetting What is Past

Phillipians 3:10 – 15 Weymouth N.T.

Phi 3:10 I long to know Christ and the power which is in His resurrection, and to share in His sufferings and die even as He died;

3:11 in the hope that I may attain to the resurrection from among the dead.

3:12 I do not say that I have already won the race or have already reached perfection. But I am pressing on, striving to lay hold of the prize for which also Christ has laid hold of me.

3:13 Brethren, I do not imagine that I have yet laid hold of it. But this one thing I do—forgetting everything which is past and stretching forward to what lies in front of me,

3:14 with my eyes fixed on the goal I push on to secure the prize of God's heavenward call in Christ Jesus.

3:15 Therefore let all of us who are mature believers cherish these thoughts; and if in any respect you think differently, that also God will make clear to you.

We are called to a total identification with Christ. To a close personal knowledge of Him. To a life which embraces the spiritual power flowing out from His resurrection and a partnership in His sufferings and death.

Paul makes it clear that he does not consider himself to be some great avatar who has arrived at a place of spiritual knowledge beyond that which is common to man but states that his goal is to keep pressing into the things of God until he attains the prize Christ has offered. It is sobering to realize that a man of Paul's spiritual stature, one who heard and saw things in the third heaven which were unlawful to utter, should say, "Brethren, I have not yet arrived."

The humility of the apostle is tempered by his exuberance. He puts aside all else to attain his goal of knowing Christ. Some look at verse 13 and think this means forgetting the baggage of the past. Laying aside broken dreams, unfulfilled desires, and the failures of life. Nothing is farther from Paul's thought.

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Earlier in the chapter he delineates the things he has left behind. His spotless heritage as a Jew, his devotion to the law, his righteousness under it. All things he had been proud of. When he met Christ he saw all his past pride of life and success as garbage and laid it aside. It was not worthy of being compared to the risen Savior he met on the road to Damascus.

He became totally focused on His relationship with the living Christ and states in verse 15 that every mature believer will feel the same way, and that if we have not yet had that revelation, our continued fellowship with Christ will draw our mind to the same conclusion as Paul. Namely, that the most important thing on this earth is our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It carries rewards both in this life and in the one to come.

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49 years of life, 30 years of marriage, 22 years pastoral and missionary, 20 years as a father, two strokes and a heart attack. Hopefully I have learned something out of all that which will be a blessing to you.

Forgetting Costs Money

By Kathleen Gagne

It's amazing how simply forgetting to do something can end up costing money. Having a bad memory can actually end up costing a small fortune. If you haven't given this any thought before, it's probably a good idea to start thinking about it now. Just take a look at all the ways that forgetting costs money:

The most obvious way that forgetting can cost you money is when you forget to pay your bills. Late charges can be pretty nasty, especially on credit card bills. Forget to pay your credit card bill, send it in only one day late and you could be facing some rather steep penalties. Not only do they charge you a high late fee, but they almost always increase your finance charge too. In fact, credit card companies can increase your finance charge if they find out you paid another company late!

Another big way that forgetting costs money is through your check book. Forget to write down even one purchase, lose track of your balance and you've got rubber checks bouncing everywhere! The banks will hit you with overdraft charges almost as heavily as the credit card companies. They can also charge you a fee for each and every overdraft, even if they were a result of the same one mistake. In addition, you face paying penalties by the merchants you wrote those bad checks to.

Let's not forget about those "free trials". You know the ones...the ones that have the term "membership" attached to them? They ask you for payment information up front and they will conveniently start billing you at the end of the trial period if you don't cancel the membership first. How much money have those cost you for forgetting to cancel?

Miss an appointment or forget to call within 24 hours of that appointment to cancel and you could be charged for the entire visit.

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Return your movie rentals or library books late and you pay late charges.

Forget to get a package in the mail and you end up paying extra shipping charges to get it there on time.

Forgetting costs money on the less obvious things too. You lose money when you forget to use coupons and when you forget to mail in rebates. You spend extra money on gas when you make extra trips to the grocery store to pick up forgotten items. (Did you forget your coupons on the return visit too?) You shell out money for eating out or on cafeteria lunches when you forget to pack a lunch.

If too many of the above scenarios sound familiar to you, it may be time to put some sort of reminder system in place. Big mistakes or little slip-ups, forgetting costs money!

Kathleen Gagne knows how easy it is to forget about things when you are already bogged down with all of life's little details. She has created a fun, whimsical website full of cute things to help you remember. Visit

and say hello to "Pinky" while you're there.



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