

LOOKING BACK HINDERS FORWARD PROGRESS.

1. Focusing on the past will lead to insecurity and an inability to follow Christ.

Luke 9:62

2. Focusing on the past will lead to defeat.

I. DON'T LOOK BACK AT SINS THAT HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN.

1. God has put away all sin, even your most serious sin.

1 John 1:7-9

2. God really does put our sins away.

Psalms 103:1-3a; Psalm 103:12

II. DON'T LOOK BACK AT DEFEATS THAT GET YOU DOWN.

1. The Lord lifts up those who fail.

Psalms 37:23, 24

2. All people have some defeats in their past.
3. Never allow failing to make you feel you are a failure.

III. DON'T LOOK BACK AT THE PAST AND SEE IT BETTER THAN IT WAS.

Ecclesiastes 7:10

1. Israel kept looking back to Egypt.
2. A great future beats a great past every time.

IV. DON'T LOOK BACK AT OLD CONFLICTS THAT MAKE YOU BITTER.

1. If you rehash old conflicts the hurt returns.

1 Peter 2:1, 2

2. Forget the past and get on with profitable living.

V. DON'T LOOK BACK AT OLD VICTORIES -

THAT MAY CAUSE YOU TO THINK YOU HAVE ARRIVED.

Philippians 3:13, 14

Here is the primary message of Philippians 3:13-14.

- a. I served the Lord with all my heart.....once!
- b. I was a soul winner.....once!
- c. I was sold out to Christ.....once!
- d. What about today?

Conclusion:

Don't look back – LOOK UP!

Hebrews 12:1, 2

Don't look back – LOOK ON THE FIELDS!

In caring for others – YOU WILL FORGET THE PAST.

Don't look back – LOOK AHEAD!

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!!!!