

Morning Lesson

DO WE KNOW WHERE WE WANT TO GO? PT. I

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

1. Illus: 2 ships. One has a captain and one doesn't. Which will likely make its destination?
2. Many go through life with no aim, no goal, no destination.
3. We need a single long range goal to unify our lives. **Matt. 6:22-24; Phil. 3:12-14; James 1:8**
4. The principles of goal setting are outlined by Paul. **Phil. 3:12-14**

I. I DON'T HAVE IT MADE YET. PHIL. 3:13

- A. Paul was big enough to see how little he was.
- B. Paul had not attained his ultimate goal. **Phil. 3:12**
- C. Only the poor in spirit, those who feel a need for the Lord can enjoy the kingdom. **Matt. 5:3,6; Luke 18:9-14**
- D. The Christian life is a continual growth process. **2 Pet. 3:18**
- E. A congregation must never become self satisfied, still, stagnated. **Rev. 3:15-17**

II. WE MUST NOT GROAN OVER PAST FAILURES OR GLOAT OVER PAST SUCCESSES.

- A. Sinful things need to be forgotten. **Luke 9:62; Gen. 19:26; Matt. 18:21-35; Luke 17:3; Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:9,7**
- B. Adversity, failure, and hardship should never be an excuse for not pressing on to greater things.
- C. Past accomplishments should only be the basis for greater service. **Phil. 3:4-8**
- D. The past can be a guide post, but never a hitching post.