

Morning Lesson

CLEANING OUT THE FILES

Phil. 3:12-14

INTRO:

1. Everything that happens to us is retained in that remarkable system called “memory.”
2. Anything from this store of information that makes us feel guilty or afraid must be faced and discarded.
3. Illus: “... make a copy of everything first.”
4. As long as I lament the guilt, I am keeping copies of my sins.

I. FORGET THE PAST.

- A. Paul accepted as an accomplished fact the removal of all his guilt before God. **Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:1-11**
- B. The memory of earlier days never left him, but he did not wallow in it. **1 Tim. 1:12-17**
- C. A forgetfulness based upon Christ’s atoning sacrifice put old memories to rest.

II. PRESS ON TOWARD THE PRIZE.

- A. To forget past guilt and not fill the void is asking for trouble. **Matt. 12:43-45**
- B. “An idle mind is the devil’s workshop.”

CONC:

1. Accept the cleansing of the blood of Christ
 - a. “For nothing have I whereby thy grace to claim—I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb.”
 - b. Guilt is a burden that God never intended his children to bear.
2. Then move on.