
C . See his face.

Acts 2:28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Determination: F_____ to the Finish.

◆ **Present & Future.**

*Philippians 3:14-15 **straining ... to win the prize** for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.*

1 Cor. 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Finding Joy in the

Past, Present & Future

Philippians: Finding Joy in Hard Times

Philippians 3:12-15; November 11, 2018

Phil. 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...

Evaluation: F_____ Your Faults.

◆ **The Present.**

*Phil. 3:12 **Not** that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

An honest assessment is not a call to be discouraged.

It's a call to _____!

Matthew 7:4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? [5] You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Proverbs 9:8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

Ecclesiastes 4:13 Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to take warning.

Elimination: F _____ Your Failures.

◆ **The Past.**

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind...

Rev. 12:10 Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”

- ◆ Forget our past regarding shame. Grace covers shame.
- ◆ Remembering our past gives us a hatred for sin.

Concentration: F _____ on the present ...

...with an eye on the future.

*Phil. 3:13-14 But one thing I do: ... **straining toward** what is **ahead**, I press on **toward the goal** to win the prize for which God has called me **heavenward** in Christ Jesus.*

James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will

be given to him. [6] But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. [7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

“Straining forward to win the prize ... “

A C _____.

2 Tim. 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

C _____.

Matthew 25:21 His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

C _____. Please God.

2 Cor. 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
