

Plan for the Future

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Our text is Phil. 3:13

- “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead*”

In our text, Paul says:

- He hasn't "apprehended" – become perfect
- "But one thing he does:
 - "Forgetting those things which are behind"
 - "Reaching forward" – he looks to the future

Future – what to do with it

- Realize it is uncertain
 - Like a vapor (Jas. 4:14)
 - Like the grass of the fields (1 Pet. 1:24)
- Realize that it will bring trouble (Job 14:1)
- Realize that it can bring blessing (Matt. 5:3-12)

Make it a Blessing by

- Planning (Jas. 4:13-16)
- Setting goals (Phil. 3:13-14)
- Being optimistic
 - Paul (Phil. 1:19)
 - Caleb (Joshua 14:6-12)

Present – what to do with it

- “Press on”
- Enjoying the material and spiritual blessings