



## GROW UP PHILIPPIANS 3:1-16

Occasionally, we all need an a \_\_\_\_\_ adjustment!  
To change your l \_\_\_\_\_, change your a \_\_\_\_\_.

In Philippians 2 we see that the joyful journey is counter-intuitive.  
Jesus' journey is our journey. We cultivate joy by:

- 1) h \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves 3) s \_\_\_\_\_ for others  
2) s \_\_\_\_\_ others 4) allowing the Father to h \_\_\_\_\_ us with joy

In Philippians 3 we see that the joyful journey demands that we g \_\_\_\_\_ u \_\_\_\_\_.  
We must begin making adult d \_\_\_\_\_.

Remember, the central truth of Philippians is joy is a c \_\_\_\_\_.

We're not generally conscious of a powerful principle:  
*We are c \_\_\_\_\_ every day who we want to h \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*We are the sum total of the c \_\_\_\_\_ we make!*

What attitudes are shaping you?

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## FUTURE (12)

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me  
heavenward in Christ Jesus. (12)*

To w \_\_\_\_\_ any game or contest you've got to know what the goal is.  
The goal is to k \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. (8, 10)  
The result is t \_\_\_\_\_:  
becoming l \_\_\_\_\_ him (10) being made p \_\_\_\_\_ (12) becoming m \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

One of the best indicators of maturity is when we begin to see the fruit of  
the Spirit blossom in our lives:

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| 1) <u>L</u> _____ | 4) <u>P</u> _____ | 7) <u>F</u> _____ |
| 2) <u>J</u> _____ | 5) <u>K</u> _____ | 8) <u>G</u> _____ |
| 3) <u>P</u> _____ | 6) <u>C</u> _____ | 9) <u>S</u> _____ |

## PAST (13)

*But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind... (13)*

Our past l \_\_\_\_\_ us:

- *If the past was good, we r \_\_\_\_\_ on our laurels. This leads to p \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - *If the past was tough, we pull i \_\_\_\_\_ and live a w \_\_\_\_\_ life.*
- This leads to g \_\_\_\_\_, g \_\_\_\_\_, s \_\_\_\_\_, m \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, p \_\_\_\_\_.

God doesn't want us to be b \_\_\_\_\_ by our past.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and  
purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3*

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start,  
anyone can s \_\_\_\_\_ from now and make a brand new e \_\_\_\_\_."

## PRESENT (13-14)

*...straining toward what is ahead, I press on... (13-14)*

The present is to be lived with f \_\_\_\_\_ and i \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul's not s \_\_\_\_\_ with keeping rules and laws. This is l \_\_\_\_\_.  
Neither is he satisfied with remaining like he is. This is l \_\_\_\_\_.  
Both extremes are joy k \_\_\_\_\_!

Paul warns against a focus on the l \_\_\_\_\_:

- *watch out for those dogs... (2)*
- *Paul puts no confidence in his legalistic r \_\_\_\_\_ (6)*
- *Paul considers his accomplishments r \_\_\_\_\_ (8)*

Instead, Paul wants us to k \_\_\_\_\_ Christ!

Paul speaking to the Galatian church which is flirting with legalism:

*What has happened to all your j \_\_\_\_\_? (Galatians 4:9)*  
*Do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of s \_\_\_\_\_. (5:1)*  
*BUT do not use your f \_\_\_\_\_ to indulge the sinful nature (5:13)*

Legalism breeds j \_\_\_\_\_, spiritual s \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_.  
INSTEAD, God wants us to GROW UP:

- *to know Christ (8, 10)*
- *to become like Christ (10)*
- *to take hold of maturity (12, 14)*

Then we'll be able to r \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord! (3:1)

## NEXT STEPS