

Morning Lesson

DO WE KNOW WHERE WE WANT TO GO? PT. 2 PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

- I. I DON'T HAVE IT MADE YET.
- II. WE MUST NOT GROAN OVER PAST FAILURES OR GLOAT OVER PAST SUCCESSES.
- III. USE SHORT RANGE OBJECTIVES AS STEPPING STONES TO THE MAIN GOAL. Phil. 3:13,14
 - A. Short range objectives have certain qualities.
 1. Specific, measurable.
 2. Related to a definite period of time.
 3. Challenging.
 4. Yours - people who will help reach it should help set it.
 - B. Let's set some individual goals: Financial, Mental Physical, Spiritual.
 - C. Congregational goals.
1. We must be big enough to realize how little we are. "I don't have it made yet."
 - a. We must realize the need for growth.
 - b. Illus: Man hunting got caught in a thunderstorm and crawled into a log...
2. We must not groan over past mistakes or gloat over past accomplishments.
 - a. Use the past as a guide post, never a hitching post.
 - b. Illus: Charles Schwab ran steel mill for Andrew Carnegie. Sent telegram: BROKE ALL RECORDS YESTERDAY! Carnegie sent back: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY?
3. We need to set short range objectives and use them as stepping stones to the long range goal.
 - a. **Phil. 3:13,14**
 - b. A pilot going cross country flies from one object to another.
4. To be successful we must have a goal and keep our minds on it. **Col. 3:1-4**
5. Illus: "HE DIED CLIMBING."