

# ADVICE FROM A PASSIONATE SOUL



# **Philippians 3:12-14**

**Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but **I press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.**

**Philippians 3:12-13 NIV**

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**Philippians 3:13-14 NIV**

**v13 - “forgetting”**

**ἐπιλανθανόμενος**

**epilanthanomenos**

**epilanthanomai**

**Definition: I forget, neglect.**



**The past is there to educate,  
not to dictate our future.**

**Pain of Past Hurts**

**Pang of Regret**

**Personal Resentment**

**Pride of Past Accomplishments**

**Persistent Guilt**



**God Turns Our Past Into Purpose.**

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**Philippians 3:13-14 NIV**

**Do you still harbor that right kind of dissatisfaction?**

**Does your heart still beat for righteousness?**

**Can you still hear the drumbeat of our continual  
march towards righteousness?**

**If we coast, we're toast.**

**In order to thrive, we must strive.**

All of us, then, who are **mature** should **take such a view of things**. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

**Philippians 3:13-14 NIV**

**We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!**

**Hebrews 5:11-12 NIV**

**Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**

**Hebrews 5:13-14 NIV**

We must pay the most careful attention,  
therefore, to what we have heard, so that  
we do not drift away.

Hebrews 2:1 NIV



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**Functional relationship with God**  
**Functional “one-another” relationships**  
**Functional small-group life**  
**Functional church commitment**

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