

# “Don’t Look Back!”

## INTRODUCTION

1. Satchel Page once said “Don’t look back...!”
2. Yet, looking back is such a \_\_\_\_\_
3. In some ways, there is \_\_\_\_\_ in looking back!
  - a) We look back to \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) We look back to \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Looking back can help if \_\_\_\_\_
4. Philippians 3:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why does Paul warn us not to look back?
  - a) We should not look back in a way that would \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) We should not look back in a way that would \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) We should not look back in a way that would \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) We should not look back in a way that would \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION

### I. Consider Paul Himself as an Example...

- A. Imagine how miserable Paul would have been if he had not put his past mistakes behind him!
  1. Before his conversion he was \_\_\_\_\_
  2. See Acts 8:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Yet, he was \_\_\_\_\_ (see 1 Timothy 1:12-16)
- C. There is no reason for us to remain enslaved to \_\_\_\_\_ (yet, sadly, many do!)
- D. If we have \_\_\_\_\_ God, we are \_\_\_\_\_!

### II. We Should Not Look Back on the Past Mistakes and Sins of Others Either!

- A. As God has forgiven us, we must \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Matthew 6:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. At best we are all \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Here are a few things we should not look back on...
    - a) Words spoken to us in \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) Actions that \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Instead: Ephesians 4:32 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. More: We should not look back on \_\_\_\_\_
  1. We can't always turn off “reruns” of \_\_\_\_\_
  2. But -- we can bring about \_\_\_\_\_
  3. We can't live in the past and be fully \_\_\_\_\_!
- C. Don't keep looking back at past \_\_\_\_\_
  1. True, it is good to celebrate our successes!
    - a) We should pause, thank God for \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) But, we can't become content about where \_\_\_\_\_, it is where we are \_\_\_\_\_ that counts!
    - c) A congregation's best days should \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Paul's Goal: Become More Like Jesus in Every Way!

- A. Forget the \_\_\_\_\_, focus on \_\_\_\_\_ (see Hebrews 12:1-2)
- B. What lies ahead for us?
  1. What is the lesson of Lot's wife? (Our journey ends when we \_\_\_\_\_)
  2. Luke 9:62 \_\_\_\_\_

## CONCLUSION

1. Don't look back!



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

— Philippians 3:14