

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 12/7/08

“If I Could Live My Life Over Again”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. Looking Backwards Is Not Always Good: **Philippians 3:13**
- B. But We Can Learn From Our Past (History)

II. The Changes I Would Make

- A. I would stand more boldly for God and not be so fearful - praying for more opportunities and victories in God's service
 - 1. Do I believe **Philippians 4:13** - “I can do all things...”?
 - 2. Do I believe **Philippians 4:19** - “...my God shall supply all...”?
 - 3. **Isaiah 54:17**
- B. I would spend more time with my family in doing God's will
 - 1. Too often I do MY thing and NOT include my family
 - 2. **1 Peter 3:7** - “...fellow heir of the grace of life...”
 - 3. **Proverbs 20:7** - Speaks of influence
- C. By God's grace, I would turn more quickly from temptation and sin
 - 1. **1 Peter 5:8** - Satan prowls like a lion (see insert)
 - 2. **Hebrews 12:1** - “...the sin which so easily entangles us...”
 - 3. Exhortation - FLEE (**1Co 6:18; 10:14; 1Ti 6:11; 2Ti 2:22**)
- D. I would welcome trials and failures as menders of my character
 - 1. **James 1:2-3** - joy in trials
 - 2. I'm tempted to complain, and not trust God, blame, etc.
 - 3. I need to look with long-term perspective – BENEFIT to these
- E. I would expect the best out of others
 - 1. I underestimate the good God can do through others
 - 2. **Mark 9:38-40** - Put some TRUST in others
- F. I would be more committed to a lifetime program of Bible study and prayer
 - 1. **Jeremiah 23:29** - The power of God's word
 - 2. Each day / every year - commitment to building rel. w/God
- G. I would live with a keen awareness of my mortality and the mortality of others
 - 1. **Psalms 90** - Life is fleeting (see **Psalms 90:12**)
 - 2. My life is different when I remember it is short!
- H. I would live to know the Person of Jesus Christ
 - 1. **Philippians 3:10** - “...that I may know Christ...”
 - 2. Release my hold on my life - trust in God.