

POSITIVE ~~THINKING~~ ACTION
PHILIPPIANS 3:12-17 / 1-13-19 / A.M.

I. FIRST, WE MUST SEE THE BIG PICTURE TO CHANGE OUR LIVES.

- A. Whatever your resolution is, look beyond the “what” of it to the “why”.
- B. The big picture of what Paul longed to change in his life is seen in what he said in Phil. 3:10-11.
 - 1. This was the passion behind the goal, “to get to know Jesus better.”
 - 2. This is the big picture Paul had in mind and he determined to work toward that end—3:14.

II. SECOND, TAKE SMALL STEPS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

- A. Very few goals are accomplished overnight.
- B. Paul knew that real change requires small and persistent steps.
 - 1. Paul knew that it takes time to change—3:12a.
 - 2. Therefore Paul said he would keep on keeping on to reach his goal of becoming more like Christ—3:12b-13.

III. THIRD, FOCUS ON “HOW” NOT JUST “WHAT” TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

- A. The “what” part of change is usually easy.
- B. Paul had a map for becoming more like Christ. It involved two steps.
 - 1. First, do what you already know to do—3:16.
 - 2. Second, follow the positive examples of others—3:17.