

## ...‘Choosing the Best’

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.”

~ Isaiah 43:18

### Three Reasons you are Important to God

1. Who you are
2. What you cost
3. What you can become

### Four Principles

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

~ Hebrews 12:2

- I. Concentrate on one main goal.

*How?*

1. Decide what you want.

Success is knowing God, growing to my potential, sowing seeds that benefit others.

2. Decide what you’re willing to pay.

3. Go for it!

- II. Concentrate on continual improvement.

<sup>12</sup>“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” ~ Philippians 3:12-14

1. I am not what I want to be.

2. I am not quitting.

3. I am working on myself not others.

- III. Forget the past.

“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.” ~ Philippians 3:13

- IV. Focus on the future.

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### Two Truths

1. I cannot control or predict my future.

2. I can control how I respond to the future.

“The future is that time when I’ll wish I had done what I’m not doing now.”