

Daily Devotion For December 31, 2021

*"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: **Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.***  
*Philippians 3:13*

*Today is December 31, 2021, the last day of the year 2021. Amidst the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and the personal challenges that we have all gone through, I hope that you can look back and say that 2021 was a good year.*

I heard about an interesting New Year's Eve custom in Southern Italy. As evening approaches, the streets are cleared and even the police take cover. Then at the stroke of midnight, the windows of the houses fly open, and every member of the family pitches out an array of personal possessions that remind them of something in the past year they're determined to wipe out of their minds.

The apostle Paul recognized the importance of putting the past behind him as well. He said, "I focus on this one thing: **Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.**"

**Thought For Today:** We cannot live in the past. We cannot be controlled by past mistakes or live in past victories. Hopefully we have learned from our past successes and failures. Tomorrow, we welcome in a New Year with many new opportunities. So press on for what God has for you. Paul continued in verse 14, "I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us"

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Praise God that He gives us new days, new months, and New Years to press on for what God has for us. Deo Volente.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**