

Don't Look Back! – Luke 9:62

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Introduction

A really good quote from Satchel Paige a great baseball player from the early 1900's had said in his book "Don't look back, something may be gaining on you." The bible also calls for us not to look back...Luke 9:61-62; Luke 17:32. Looking back could hurt our forward progress in the kingdom of God...

- I. **Don't Look Back At The Sins That Have Been Forgiven**
 - a. 1 John 1:7-9 guarantees forgiveness of all sins!
 - i. How do I know for certain all of my sins are being forgiven?
 - b. Psalm 103 God really does put away our sins
- II. **Don't Look Back At The Defeats That Get You Down**
 - a. Psalm 37:23-24 God lifts up those who fall
- III. **Don't Look Back At The Past And See It Better Than It Was**
 - a. Ecclesiastes 7:10 it is unwise to do so
 - i. Israel kept looking back to Egypt and that generation never could enter the promised land of milk and honey – Numbers 11:18
 - b. Philippians 3:13-14 a great future beats a great past every time
 - i. Revelation 21:3-5 we have the best to look forward to!
- IV. **Don't Look Back At The Old Conflicts That Make You Bitter**
 - a. 1 Peter 2:1-2 says it is time to move on from past hurts and move into our new life in Christ
 - b. Mark 11:25-26 Jesus teaches us to forgive before we should even ask God for forgiveness
 - c. Ephesians 4:32 – We are to be loving and kind forgiving others the way God forgives us through Jesus Christ
- V. **Don't Look Back At The Victories That May Cause You To Think You Have Arrived**
 - a. Philippians 3:13-14 here is the message of these verses
 - i. I served the Lord with all my heart...once
 - ii. I was a soul winner...once
 - iii. I was sold out to Christ...once
 - iv. What about today?

Conclusion

1. Look up! Looking unto Jesus – Hebrews 12:1-3! We need to look ahead for the best is yet to come!