

**Series: People Problems**

**Sermon: The Good Ol' Days**

**Bible Verses: Ecclesiastes 7:10**

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How I handle my \_\_\_\_\_, determines how I handle my \_\_\_\_\_.  
How I handle my \_\_\_\_\_ will change my \_\_\_\_\_.

**Asking *why were the* \_\_\_\_\_ *is not wise.***

Major people/relationship problem: believing that \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ than today.

- Constantly looking back \_\_\_\_\_ for the present and future.
- We can be stalled \_\_\_\_\_ from past sin or painful relationships from the past.
- We can be stalled by remembering the \_\_\_\_\_ of past sin.
- We can be stalled by remembering how " \_\_\_\_\_ " the past was.

"Loving the \_\_\_\_\_" distracts me from accepting the present and moving \_\_\_\_\_ into the future with passion and \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 3:13-14: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

**We should be working in \_\_\_\_\_, while looking ahead, \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue a future prize.**

**TAKE IT HOME:**

1) *Live in the present so I have the best future ever*: I should decide what it takes \_\_\_\_\_ to know Jesus more, and pursue that with \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Stop asking why things were better. When I remember the past I will acknowledge it for \_\_\_\_\_ and deal with it appropriately. If something must be dealt with, I'll deal with it. If something can be smiled upon, I will smile upon it. But, then, I will \_\_\_\_\_ and not the past.

3) I will confess to my \_\_\_\_\_ something from my past that distracts me from being in the present.

**Growth Group prep (to learn about Growth Groups visit [www.revo.church/growth-groups](http://www.revo.church/growth-groups))**

- Prepare for "TAKE IT HOME #3": What things from your past sometimes distract you from the present? Especially try to think about *good things* from the past. How do some of those cause frustration right now?
- Re-read Philippians 3:13-14. Circle two words that you think are very important in that verse. Why are they?
- Lookup Proverbs 4:25-27. Rewrite this verse in your own words. How does it relate to not longing for the past?