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# Scott's Thoughts



Philippians 3:13  
(ESV) *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,*

This is the last week of 2018. It doesn't seem possible does it? Here we are at the point in time where we are compelled by tradition to make new years resolutions. I'm not really big on doing this. I seem to fail and fail so badly that I can't remember what the ones I made for 2018 were. I could go back into the computer file and find what I did for this past year but why should I be reminded of another set of failures? With that attitude someone might wonder why I am even taking the time to talk about it.

Well it is because there are areas where improvement is needed. I'm not going to list a bunch of things that have for many years made my top ten list. I have listed those, started out to accomplish them and failed over and over again. I have taken the time to ponder this question for some weeks now. What do I want to make a real priority in my life for 2019? I thought instead of making a very forgettable list I would pick just one thing that I would focus on for the coming year.

It is not to ease world suffering, hunger or strives. For many years, many different groups and

government agencies throughout the world have and are still trying to address and solve these issues. Billions of dollars have been poured into programs that just seem to get larger without out seeming to make any real dent in these problems. There is no sense in putting something like this on my list so that next December I can be reminded once again of failure.

My goal for 2019 is not dependent entirely on me but will never happen without effort from me. For 2019 I want to reach one more person with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I don't mean just preaching on Sunday and teaching Bible class on Wednesday. This goal is an everyday all day thing. I want to meet, get to know, and teach one more person how they can go to heaven. I don't care what color, religious belief, or social status they currently are, male or female young or old, just someone who wants to know what the Bible says about how they can have the assurance of heaven. I want to share with one more person what forgiveness from God can mean in their lives. What is the catch? None. I don't want to be paid, or honored, or addressed by any special title I just want to share what someone shared with me.

I always end this column by saying thanks for listening and keep on shining. Today, if you are willing, you can shine by helping me accomplish this goal.

—Scott