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FORGETTING THOSE THINGS THAT ARE BEHIND

In a car or motorcycle a rearview mirror is a very important asset. You can see what is coming behind you, and where you have been. When you are taught to drive one of the first things you are to do is “adjust” the mirrors for your individual preferences. If you sit taller than someone else you may not see, or if you sit shorter you can’t see. These mirrors are a great benefit in keeping one safe. They are needed because God didn’t make us with eyes in the back of our head!

As a youngster I often heard that phrase about mothers. They were said to have eyes in the back of their head. This meant that they knew things without having seen them. You could call it “mother’s intuition.” Have you ever wondered why we only have eyes in the front of our heads and not the back? I think it is because humans have a tendency to look back at things and lose sight of what is right in front of them.,

We are told often in the scriptures not to dwell on the past, or what’s in our “rear view mirror” of life. One thing is for certain, you can’t go back and do it over. Many are stuck looking in that mirror and are full of “if only’s”.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:13, ***“...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before....”*** He had much to forget. The good and the bad. He knew the torment of thinking about the “if only’s and the “what if I had’s.” We can learn much from him.

Looking at things ahead of us keeps us focused on the Lord and his promises. Remember, there are no rearview mirrors in heaven, so we need to choose to not look in them in the here and now.