THE IMPORTANCE OF "NOW"

(Philippians 3:10-15)

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11]and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. [12]Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. [13]Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, [14]I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. [15]All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

There is no more important time than NOW

Personal context: the apostle Paul

- Persevere in the PRESENT

- Leave the past in the PAST

- Prepare for the FUTURE

- This means YOU

We always live at the time we live and not at some other time, and only by extracting at each present time the full meaning of each present experience are we prepared for doing the same thing in the future.

(John Dewey, *Experience and Education,* 1938)