

## **Harvest Your Horizons**

LAW 1: Always make your future bigger than **your past.** — The Laws of Lifetime Growth by Dan Sullivan and Catherine Nomura

# Many people face the future with apprehension.

"I'm just glad it will be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." —Gary Cooper's comment after he declined the role of Rhett Butler in Gone With the Wind

### Others face the future with anticipation.

"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." —Charles Kettering

"A bigger future is essential for lifetime growth. The past is useful because it is rich with experiences that are worth thinking about in new ways—and all of these valuable experiences can become raw material for creating an even bigger future. Approach your past with this attitude, and you will have an insatiable desire for even better, more enjoyable experiences. Use your past to continually create a bigger future, and you will separate yourself from situations, relationships, and activities that can trap you there." —The Laws of Lifetime Growth

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>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, 14l press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us hold true to what we have attained. —Philippians 3:12-16 ESV

#### As humans, we have five lives:

#### 1) Life "Yesterday"

"Everybody knows that experiences from the past influence how we live, work, think, cope with stress, and

get along with others in the present... Most of us can think of past events, fears, losses, embarrassments, expectations, or comments that influenced our lives permanently and did damage... But events from the past can be (and often are) positive." —Dr. Gary R. Collins

- 2) Life "Today"
- 3) Life "Within"
- 4) Life "Ahead"
- 5) Life "Beyond"

"A continual looking forward to the eternal world is not a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most about the next." —C.S. Lewis

### How to move F-O-R-W-A-R-D into the future:

Face the need for change. (Philippians 3:12)

Order one (1) change today. (Philippians 3:13)

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." —Abraham Lincoln

Release your yesterdays. (Philippians 3:13)

"On Friday, January 6, 1961, 1st day of the L.A. Open, Arnold Palmer, voted Golfer of the Year and Pro-Athlete of the Year, took a 12 on this hole." —Sign at Rancho Park Golf Course

# Win new victories tomorrow by stretching yourself today. (Philippians 3:13)

"The future is when you'll wish you had done what you aren't doing." —John Maxwell

# Aim high and don't underestimate what God can do in your life. (Philippians 3:14)

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." —Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

# Recover your failures through faith and fortitude. (Philippians 3:15)

#### **Determine to keep chasing the daylight.** (Phil. 3:16)

"Though you cannot go back and make a brand new start, my friend, anyone can start from now, and make a brand new end."

