

13, 16, 18, 21

30, 40, 50, 65

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Trading Your **If Only** Regrets
To God's **What If** Possibilities

if only



The newspaper described him as a man “who had made it possible to kill more people more quickly than anyone else who had ever lived.”

The newspaper labeled him the “Merchant of Death.”



It was Nobel's What If moment. Nobel leveraged his “if only” into his “what if”

God wants to do that for us if we will let Him.

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In a survey a group of 50 people, over the age of 95, were asked,
“If you had your life to do over again, what would you do differently?”
3 answers emerged as a consensus;

- We would risk more
- We would reflect more
- We would do more things that would live on after we die

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One of the Bible's saddest epitaph's

Jeremiah 46:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ There they will say,
'Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, is a loudmouth
who missed his opportunity!'



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Gilovich & Medvec Study

In the short term, we tend to regret our actions over inactions by 53% to 47%

Over the long term, we regret inactions over action by 84% to 16%

Friendly reminder

Inaction is an action just like indecision is a decision

Our longest lasting regrets will those opportunities that we left on the table.
These are the “if only’s” that will haunt us

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Two Categories of Sin

Sins of Commission - doing something you shouldn't have done

Focus too much in this area & you get religion by subtraction

Sins of Omission - not doing something that you should have

Failure to focus in area puts us in the company of Pharaoh Hophrah & the one talent servant.

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Righteousness is not just doing nothing wrong

But by definition it is also doing something right!

It's just not;

- Resisting temptation, it's also making a difference with your life
- Holding down the fort, it's also taking God ordained risks, going after God ordained opportunities, and pursuing God ordained dreams

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It's the sins of omission that grieve the heart of our Heavenly Father the most.

It's the;

Woul'da's

Shoul'da's

Coulda's

Why? Because no one understands our potential better than the One
who gave them to us!

**Potential is God's gift to us. Making the most of it is our gift back to
God! And it's the sins of omission that will be our greatest regret.**

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The Great 8

Romans 8:1 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Condemnation is feeling guilty over confessed sin

Conviction is feeling guilty over unconfessed sin. This is from the Holy Spirit

Failure to hear His convicting voice will prevent us from hearing His comforting and guiding voice as well. It's a package deal

We must tune-in the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit and tune out the condemning voice of the enemy

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The Gospel in Perspective

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

Transaction 1 – the second we take on Christ in baptism God takes all of our sin and transfers to Christ's account

Transaction 2 – all of His righteousness is then credited to our account

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, The old has gone, the new is here!

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Hope - to desire with expectation of obtainment, to expect with confidence

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Hadas – new as in different, never before experienced

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(Days in a Year * Age) + Days Lived Since Last Birthday

$$(365 * 52) + 14 = 18,994$$

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William Borden

“A life fully surrendered to Jesus Christ could never be cut short. It would always be just right.”

No Reserve

No Retreat

No Regrets

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When all is said and done, the only thing that will matter is hearing God say,

“Well done thy good and faithful servant!” Matt 25:21

Our only regrets at the end of our lives will be our time, talent, and treasure that we did not give back to God

And whatever we did give back to God will be our eternal reward