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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Improvement

"Strive for continuous improvement, instead of perfection." – Kim Collins

"Eventually people will realize that mistakes are meant for learning not repeating." – Unknown

"Do something today that your future self will thank you for." – Unknown

"The biggest room in the world is the room for self-improvement." – Unknown

"I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday." – Abraham Lincoln

As hard as it may be to admit, every human being has room for improvement. In 1980, Mac Davis released a song, "It's Hard To Be Humble," in which the lyrics stated, "When you're perfect in every way." Regretfully, we are far from perfect. Honesty would compel us to admit that we are flawed, and that we all make mistakes.

This doesn't mean that we can't make improvements in our lives. To the contrary, those flaws and mistakes can propel us onto great heights.

The Bible uses interesting terms to show us the need for improvement. For instance, the apostle Peter in his writings spoke of growth and knowledge. "As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).

There is another interesting word in the area of improvement, and that is, learning. Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me..." (Matt. 11:29). "The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:9). "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Phil. 4:11). Even our Lord Himself learned. "Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8).

Learning, growth, and knowledge can all be enhanced when we realize some things are better than others. For example, "...in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Phil. 2:3). "But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you..." (Heb. 6:9). "But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country" (Heb. 11:16).

All of us would do well to determine that we are going to be a better person than we have been in the past. That we are going to try harder to be the Christian that Christ would have us to be. Improvement, is a choice. May God help you to make the choice to be better each and every day.