#### **Main Business Part 3**

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The Most Important Things Require The Most Follow Through
Galatians 6:9, Philippians 1:6

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Galatians 6:9

### 3) Paul understood that sacrifice is the key to success

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

enárchomai (greek, verb): to make a beginning

epiteléō (greek, verb): to bring to an end, accomplish

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