

LET'S GO May 7, 2023
Moving Forward with God

Hebrews 12:1b ...let us run w/ endurance the race God has set before us.

Philippians 3:13b ...I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past & looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race...

Psalm 37:23 NKJV The *steps* of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way.

When you're going through hell, don't stop.

Proverbs 4:25 ESV Let your eyes look directly forward, & your gaze be straight before you.

**PURSUE JESUS
 EXPERIENCE LIFE
 FULFILL PURPOSE
 MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

GET OFF BIKE! *(Two thirds of God's name is Go! Let's Go!)*

PURSUE JESUS

You'll never go beyond loving Jesus; you'll never get so accomplished that you don't need to love Jesus.

Loving Jesus is more powerful & impactful than strategy or giftings or communication skills, financial success...

EXPERIENCE LIFE - The Church

***God made a way, through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 to equip & empower people = His Church.***

1 Corinthians 12:27 All of you together are Christ's body, & each of you is a part of it.

***WE EXIST TO BE A MULTI-CULTURAL, MULTI-GENERATIONAL
 HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH THAT LOVES JESUS & LOVES PEOPLE.***

FULFILL PURPOSE

God's purpose, God's plan, God's vision, God's mission for your life

Proverbs 29:18 TPT When there is no clear prophetic vision, people quickly wander astray. But when you follow the revelation of the Word, heaven's bliss fills your soul.

There's nobody like you. God has given you special gifts that will help you fulfill your purpose & destiny.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We're all called to have influence & impact. God's called every one of us to make a difference in our world. As believers, if you don't find your place of influence, you'll not fulfill God's will for your life.

Matthew 22:37 ...You must love the Lord your God w/ all your heart, all your soul, & all your mind.' 38 This is the first & greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

We can all have influence on others. Some will influence a few people; others will influence many people. The important thing is that each of us is making a difference in our sphere of influence.

Matthew 5:13 You're the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it's lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It'll be thrown out & trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 You're the light of the world-like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp & then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

We all have gifts & passions to serve others

1 Corinthians 12:7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

Our gifts & passions are not for our own benefit, but for building up others. We're all called to inspire & bring change. We're here to serve.

Serving & inspiring is in our Spiritual nature

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others & to give His life as a ransom for many.

Once He was baptized, Jesus gave, ministered, influenced, & served.

John 13:34 Now I'm giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I've loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you're My disciples.

Philippians 2:5 ...have the same attitude that Jesus had, 6 Though He was God, He didn't think of equality w/ God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, He gave up His divine privileges, He took the humble position of a slave & was born as a human being...

Fulfillment comes while you're serving & impacting

Luke 6:38 Give, & you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, & poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

People often search for fullness in life by getting more: more things, more friends, more money, more stuff... Yet, the Christian life finds true fulfillment not in getting, but in giving. As we serve, we find true life.

4 Hindrances that keep us from serving

1. Lack of knowledge – *Hosea 4:6*
2. Fear of failure – *Exodus 3:11*
3. Intimidated by strong people in leadership – *1 Corinthians 3:5-8*
4. Independent spirit – *1 Corinthians 12:21-27*

People who make a difference, Jesus influencers have strong character

Our integrity is seen in the expression of the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, & self-control...

Many people avoid things that develop character & integrity, such as commitment, daily disciplines, relationships, & confrontation.

5 Indicators of strong character

1. Follow-through on your word – *Luke 14:28*
2. Determined to finish the course – *2 Timothy 4:5*
3. Honest & truthful – *Ephesians 4:15*
4. Love for God & people – *Matthew 22:37-39*
5. Willingness to give your time, talent & treasure – *Luke 6:30*

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, & I have remained faithful.

1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV Fight the good fight of faith...

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