#### Today's Theme

# "Next Level Living" Pt 1

**Series Title** 

# "Finding Joy In Life" Part 19

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# **Steps To Experience Breakthroughs**

1. Be willing to evaluate yourself honestly.

Phil 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal,

- (1) Paul wasn't where he needed to be.
- (2) We look at the areas we need help with.
  Gal 6:4 Each one should test their own actions.
  1 Thess 5:21 but test them all; hold on to what is good,
- (3) We admit we don't have it all together. Prov 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.
- (4) Successful people are willing to face reality.

#### Questions to ask myself

- (1) What do I need or want to change?
- (2) What is consistently *frustrating* me in life?
- (3) Am I living a life I know needs to change? 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?

## 2. Be willing to resolve the issues we face.

Philippians 3:12 . . . but I press on to . . .

- (1) Moving ahead demands willingness to change.
- (2) Making excuses doesn't move us to a new level.
- (3) To change we must *make* a real *commitment*. 1 Cor 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

### Questions to ask myself

- (1) What will it cost me to make this breakthrough? Luke 14:28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?
- (2) What am I willing to spend to breakthrough?
- (3) Is this Breakthrough worth the price I'll pay?

# 3. Be willing to determine a course of action.

Philippians 3:12 . . . to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

- (1) Paul insisted on the goal Jesus had for him.
- (2) We must know where we're headed to succeed.
- (3) It needs to be consistent with God's will.

#### Questions to ask myself

- (1) Do I know where I'm going? Do I have a goal?
- (2) Is where I'm going a benefit to Jesus?
- (3) Is my conscience confirming this goal?