

Today's Theme

“Next Level Living” Pt 3

Series Title

“Finding Joy In Life” Part 21

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Steps To Experience Breakthroughs

1. Be willing to *evaluate* yourself honestly.

- (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. Be willing to *resolve* the *issues* we face.

- (1) What will it *cost* me to make this breakthrough?
- (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*.

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

4. Be willing to *set* appropriate priorities.

- (1) What *matters* most to me in *my* life?
- (2) To move ahead what *changes* are *needed*?
- (3) Where do I need to *grow* to *move* ahead?

5. Be willing to adjust *attitudes* ahead of time.

- (1) What issues from my *past* *hold* me back?
- (2) What things *scare* me about the *future*?
- (3) What's *stopping* my *progress* today?
- (4) What things do I *know* God wants to *change*?

6. Be willing to *remain* persistent & faithful.

Phil 3:15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Path To Being Persistent & Faithful

(1) Be aware that *nothing* happens without *effort*.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

(2) Facing challenges makes me *stronger*.

Rom 5:3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

(3) Keep your eyes on the *goal*.

Phil 3:16 live up to what we . . .

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

(4) Review what has *worked* in the past.

Phil 3:16 . . . we have already attained.

James 1:2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters] whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Questions to ask myself

(1) Do I have trouble/difficulty *following* through?

(2) Am I easily *distracted* or *discouraged*?

(3) What *success* have I had that can *motivate* me?

7. Be willing to *find* & *copy* a good example.

A Good *Example* Has Four Elements

(1) They're *available* to others.

Phil 3:17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

2 Thess 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you,

(2) They're going in a *direction* you want to go.

Phil 3:18 For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

(3) They're *living* for *eternity*.

Phil 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, Titus 2:7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness

(4) They're *relying* *daily* on God's power.

Phil 3:21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Questions to ask myself

(1) Do I have a *mentor* or *coach* to help me?

(2) Am I willing to *learn* how to live for *eternity*?

(3) Am I *relying* on the *power* of God in my life?