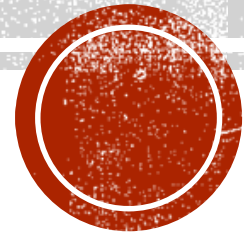


***KEEP MOVING!***

**HEBREWS 6:9-12**

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## INTRODUCTION

- The Hebrews writer affirms that we are to have a progressive and active faith;
- We should be endeavoring to reach new heights . . . especially in our service to the Lord.
- Where I am today, I should not be two years from now.

*. . . **though by this time you ought to be teachers**, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. **Hebrews 5:12 (NIV)***



**Most encouraging part of text ---**

***For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown in His name. . . v. 10***

*This is why I suffer as I do. Still, I am not ashamed; for I know Him [and I am personally acquainted with Him] whom I have believed [with absolute trust and confidence in Him and in the truth of His deity], and I am persuaded [beyond any doubt] that He is able to guard that which I have entrusted to Him until that day [when I stand before Him]. **II Timothy 1:12***



*Therefore, my beloved brethren,  
be steadfast, immovable, **always**  
**abounding in the work of the**  
**Lord, knowing that your labor**  
**is not in vain in the Lord.***

**I Corinthians 15:58**



# THE DRAFTER OFFERS THREE POINTS FOR EFFECTIVE GROWTH

- I. DEMONSTRATE DILIGENCE
- II. FIGHT OFF FATIGUE
- III. WISELY CHOOSE ROLE MODELS (HEROES)



# I. DEMONSTRATE DILIGENCE

*... desire that each one of you show the same **diligence** to the full assurance of hope until the end. v. 11*

- Ever see people who seem to succeed and are seemingly good at everything they do?
- **NEWS FLASH** -- They are not superhuman or uber-talented.
- They simply possess and display diligence on a regular basis.



Diligence is an ***attitude*** that drives us to accomplish a mission successfully.

**Ask yourself --**

- Do I pursue projects with a positive attitude?
- Do I work as hard as I can?
- Am I really determined to succeed?
- Do I pursue goals with perseverance and determination, convinced that I am able to succeed?
  - **Inhale confidence, exhale doubt!**



# BOOK OF PROVERBS

- *He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the **hand of the diligent makes one rich**. Proverbs 10:4*
- *The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, but **diligence is man's precious possession**. Proverbs 12:27*
- *The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but **the soul of the diligent shall be made rich**. Proverbs 13:4*





# II. FIGHT OFF FATIGUE

*... do not become sluggish ... v.*  
**12**

- In life, fatigue can become an issue, if we're not careful.
- Just like the physical body can become sluggish from fatigue, so can the spiritual man.
- When we become sluggish we're simply not as effective or efficient as we can be.
- Lack vim and vigor.
- Leads to pew sitting and spectating.



When feeling physically fatigued, we're counseled to watch our consumption (what we put in our bodies)

- Drink lots of water.
- Be careful with caffeine.
- Eat breakfast.
- Don't skip meals.
- Don't crash diet.
- Eat a healthy diet.
- Don't overeat.
- Eat iron rich foods.



# CONSUMPTION INVENTORY (SPIRITUALLY)

- Too much worldly information and influence?
  - Associations
  - Entertainment hours – mind what we watch and listen to.
  - Limit exposure to entertainment – Hollywood is no friend of the Cross
    - Rampant illicit sexual behavior and conduct (not just in the pornographic realm)
    - Unhinged violence
    - Glorifying unwholesome activity



Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things *are noble*, whatever things *are just*, whatever things *are pure*, whatever things *are lovely*, whatever things *are of good report*, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. **Philippians 4:8**



- Leaving space and time for spiritual renewal and conversation?
  - Reading & meditating on God's word.  
**See Psalms 1:1-3**
  - ***LIVING VICTORIOUS*** daily devotionals!
- Content of conversation?
  - What are you talking about with relatives, friends and associates?



### III. Wisely Choose Role Models

*...but **imitate those** who through faith and patience inherit the promises. v. 12*

A role model is someone who serves as an example for living and making choices; **someone we desire to follow and emulate**, whether for good or, unfortunately, for evil.



- **We tend to emulate those we look up to . . . Our “Heroes”**
- **Most are simply not worth emulating.**
- **Parents should be the first role models of VIRTUE & VALUES**

*My son, hear the instruction of your father,  
and do not forsake the law of your mother;  
for they will be a graceful ornament on your  
head, and chains about your neck.*

**Proverbs 1:8-9**



## Properly Vetting Role Models

Whether the person you look up to . . .

- Consistently seeks to imitate Christ
  - “Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.”  
**I Corinthians 11:1**
- Displays the fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit. **See Galatians 5:22-23 (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)**
- Strives to live in harmony with others.  
**Romans 12:18; Mathew 5:9**





# THE PERFECT ROLE MODEL

*For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses and temptations, but **One who has been tempted [knowing exactly how it feels to be human] in every respect as we are, yet without [committing any] sin.***

**Hebrews 4:15 (AMP)**



# LORD'S INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL

- **Be added to the Lord's body --**  
**Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7)**  
**Believe (Acts 15:7)**  
**Repent (Acts 2:38)**  
**Confess (Acts 8:36; Romans 10:10)**  
**Be baptized for the remission of sin**  
**(Acts 2:38) or**



# LORD'S INVITATION (CONT'D)

- Be reconciled unto the Lord (**I John 1:8-9**); or
- Desire prayer. (**James 5:16**).



***LIVE IN VICTORY!***

