

Habits That Help Me Hold on in Hard Times PT 3

SERIES: Shaping Your Future Self – Part 6

1. KEEP MY LIFE CLEAN!

2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT) Job 17:9 (NIV)

2. KEEP MY EYES OPEN!

Psalms 105:4 (MSG) Proverbs 18:15 (MSG)

3. KEEP MY PURPOSE FIRM!

Isaiah 26:3 (TEV) Romans 6:13 (LB) Acts 13:36

God's 5 Purposes for My Life

4. KEEP MY HEART GRATEFUL!

Ephesians 5:13 (LB) Colossians 4:2

5. KEEP MOVING TOWARD MY GOALS

"We pray that you will be filled with God's mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens..." Colossians 1:11 (LB)

"Let every detail in your lives -- words, actions, whatever -- be done in the name of Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way." Colossians 3:17 (MSG)

THE STEPS FOR ACCOMPLISHING A GOD-GIVEN GOAL

(1) Write my goals on a prayer list & **PRAY DAILY.**

"Write down the vision! Make it clear on a tablet, so that anyone can read it quickly." Habakkuk 2:2 (GW)

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and then your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3 (NIV)

(2) Make my **GOALS** visible.

"Hold on to good planning and good sense. Don't let them out of your SIGHT!" Proverbs 3:21 (Isaiah) "The Lord said to me, 'Take a large scroll and write on it in large letters!'" Isaiah 8:1 (TEV)

(3) Ask God to show me the **STEPS** I need to take.

"Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me..." Psalm 25:4-5 (NLT)

"The steps of good people are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take." Psalm 37:23 (LB)

(4) Identify **BARRIERS**: Why don't I have this already?

"A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The fool never looks ahead and suffers the consequences." Proverbs 27:12 (LB)

"The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face the facts." Proverbs 14:8 (LB)

(5) Draw a **STEP LADDER** showing each step.

"A prudent man gives thought to his steps." Proverbs 14:15 (NIV)

"Know where you are headed, and you will stay on solid ground." Proverbs 4:26 (CEV)

(6) Enlist a **FRIEND** to walk with me.

"It's better to have a partner than go it alone. You get more done working together. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (MSG/NLT)

(7) Realize **MISSTEPS** are how we learn.

"A righteous person may fall seven times, but he gets up." Proverbs 24:16 (GW)

"You, LORD, watch over every step I take, but you won't keep track of my missteps." Job 14:16 (MSG)

(8) Take a **BABY STEP** every day!

(Paul) "I run straight to the goal with purpose in EVERY STEP. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches." 1 Corinthians 9:26 (NLT)

"Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way." Colossians 3:17 (MSG)

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

"God sees my ways and counts every step I take!" Job 31:4 (NCV)

6. KEEP MY MIND ON JESUS

"Keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up." Hebrews 12:3 (CEV)

"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed — he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God." Hebrews 12:2 (MSG)