

PLEASING GOD WITH YOUR LIFE.
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1. OUR DAILY LIFESTYLE NEEDS TO REFLECT OUR NEW NATURE IN CHRIST JESUS.

Ephesians 4:1-AMP.

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Ephesians 1:4 - Passion – Because of his great love, he ordained us, *so that we would be seen as holy in his eyes with an unstained innocence.*

The word "walk" refers to your conduct.

Colossians 1:10-AMP

10 That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition].

Hebrews 12:1-2-AMP.

... THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,

2 Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus,...

Passion - So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us, and the sin we so easily fall into. *Then* we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us.

2 We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection.

2. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE THE THINGS THAT HINDER US FROM MOVING FORWARD.

KJV- "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us..."

Lay aside: *In the greek: In gives a picture of someone who is laying something down while at the same time he is pushing it far away from himself and beyond reach.*

Weights- Greek Word: *ogkos*---a word that describes **a burden or something so heavy and cumbersome,(also...wounds from the past)** that it **impedes**(delays or prevents someone by obstructing, hindering) a runner from running the race as they should.

3. YOU CANNOT, RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO PREPARE YOUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD.

Ephesians 3:20-AMP.

... Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

Passion - 20 Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

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We must be honest with ourselves and with God.

Pray this: "Lord, from this day forward, I desire and I will to be free from this habit, attitude, or sin of _____ in my life. I repent of it. I turn in the opposite direction. I can't do it alone. I don't have the strength to do it, but I have You. And with You, all things are possible. I declare that I am free today in Jesus' Name."