

GOD SAYS YOU ARE A WINNER IN HIM!
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1Timothy 6:12-AMP

Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.

1. GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO THINK, ACT, AND LIVE DEFEATED LIVE'S.

2Corinthians 4:8-9-AMP

8 We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [*troubled and oppressed in every way*], but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;

9 We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [*to stand alone*]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed;

Passion - Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option.

We are persecuted by others, but God has not forsaken us. We may be knocked down, but not out.

2 Corinthians 4:1-AMP

THEREFORE, SINCE we do hold and engage in this ministry by the mercy of God [granting us favor, benefits, opportunities, and especially salvation], we do not get discouraged (*spiritless and despondent with fear*) or become faint with weariness and exhaustion.

Acts20:23-AMP

23 Except that the Holy Spirit clearly and emphatically affirms to me in city after city that imprisonment and suffering await me.

24 But none of these things move me; neither do I esteem my life dear to myself, if only I may finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have obtained from [which was entrusted to me by] the Lord Jesus, faithfully to attest to the good news (Gospel) of God's grace (His unmerited favor, spiritual blessing, and mercy).

2. HOW YOU VIEW LIFE'S CHALLENGES HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH YOUR OUTCOME.

2Corinthians 4:16-18 –Passion

So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day.

We view our slight, short-lived troubles in the light of eternity. We see our difficulties as the substance that produces for us an eternal, weighty glory far beyond all comparison, because we don't focus our attention on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but the unseen realm is eternal.

Proverbs 24:16-CJB

...For though he(righteous man) falls seven times, he will get up again; it's the wicked who fail under stress.

Micah 7:8-NLT

8 Do not gloat over me, my enemies! For though I fall, I will rise again. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.

Proverbs 23:7-AMP

... For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Romans 8:37-AMP

37 Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

3. WE MUST NOT YIELD TO COMPLACENCY AND APATHY IN OUR LIVES.

Complacent and Apathy: *half-hearted; unemotional; insensitive, lack of: interest, enthusiasm, or concern.*

1Samuel 30:6 –AMP

6 David was greatly distressed, for the men spoke of stoning him because the souls of them all were bitterly grieved, each man for his sons and daughters. But David encouraged and strengthened himself in the Lord his God.