

The Route to Greatness

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Five Milestones to Attain:

1. Choose Life.
2. Emulate Righteousness.
3. Be Diligent; Make the Most of Every Opportunity.
4. Give the Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving.
5. Allow God to fight Your Battles.

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- **Choose Life.**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NIV & the message)

- ¹⁵ "Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster.

¹⁶ And I command you today: (Choose life and prosperity); Love GOD, your God. **Walk in His ways. Keep His commandments, regulations, and rules (principles)** so that you will live, really live, live exuberantly, blessed by GOD, your God, in the land you are about to enter and possess.

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- **Choose Life.**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ But I warn you: If you ... refuse to listen obediently, and willfully go off to serve and worship other gods, you will most certainly die. You won't last long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹⁻²⁰ I call Heaven and Earth to witness against you today: Choose life so that you and your children will live. And love GOD, your God, listening obediently to Him, firmly embracing Him. Oh yes, He is life itself.

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2. Emulate Righteousness.

Hebrews 6:12

“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”

Required:

Hard-work (no laziness), Faith and Patience.

... Look onto Jesus the author and finisher.

Pick some bible characters and follow them, pick some living ministers or Saints and follow them.

2. Emulate Righteousness.

Examples:

- Proverbs 2:20

So you will walk in the way of good men
And keep to the paths of the righteous.

- Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders who spoke the
word of God to you. Consider the
outcome of their way of life and imitate
their faith.

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3. Be Diligent; Make the Most of Every Opportunity.

Brethren we spent the entire 2017 exploring what it means to be diligent.

Bible says:

“Diligent hands will rule (you will excel in what you like), but laziness ends in forced labor (you are forced into a vocation you don’t enjoy)”

Be Diligent; Make the Most of Every Opportunity.

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Ephesians 5:16 “making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

Opportunity can be good/pleasant or unpleasant (evil day).

We need Skills/Talent to harvest the good And armor of God to fight the evil.

We must, therefore, be equipped with both Skills and Armor....

Make the Most of Every Opportunity.

Proverbs 22:29

“Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.”

Exodus 35:10 “All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded”.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore take up the **full armor** of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand.

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4. Give the Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving.

Hebrews 13:15

“By Him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.”

Psalm 49:14-16

¹⁴ Offer to God the sacrifice of praise: and pay thy vows to the most High.

¹⁵ And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

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5. Allow God to fight Your Battles.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 “here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.”

Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

Go and be great in 2018!

God Bless You!