



THE DAILY

BIBLE STUDY FROM NEWPOINTE

Thursday, April 27 – Too Soon to Quit!

BOTTOM LINE: True priorities all begin the same way. CHOICE + GOALS + TIME = PRIORITIES

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:58

This is how it often works. We hear a great sermon on Sunday. God speaks to our hearts, and we know something needs to change. We are inspired, convicted, motivated, and we go home with great gusto to make a difference. We pray earnestly for God to help us accomplish this great thing, and Monday morning we are hot after it.

Tuesday is still pretty high energy, but by Wednesday, hump day, we are on the downward slide. Things just aren't working out. God hasn't answered our prayers yet, no one is changing yet, our efforts haven't paid off yet. By Friday night we are completely back to our old ways, and life is back to its normal mediocrity, sometimes worse.

That's bad form in any area, but when God has spoken to us about our relationships, it's exceptionally costly and foolish. Our commitment to be firm in our calling to prioritize all that God wants for us must be immovable. It may help to realize you aren't primarily doing this for the people in your relationships, you are doing it for the Lord. These relationships are the calling HE has given you. All the efforts you make are primarily for Him. Nothing you do for Him is ever worthless.

Every obedient thing you do is a seed planted. You likely won't see an immediate flowering of the results you want, but never give up. You are partnering with the Lord Himself in this job—and He says, *"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."* Galatians 6:9

- Is there something that used to be important in one of your priority relationships that you have neglected? Ask God to help you recommit to the regular obedience of doing what's important.
- Are you praying specifically with hope for each family member? Do it now.