

Quote: “The erosion of character usually begins with neglect: we stop reading the Word, or worshipping with God’s people, or taking time to meditate and pray.

Quote: “A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who is not.”—**D. L. Moody**



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CONCLUSION _____

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Quote: “An immature Christian is hard to please and easy to offend.”

“Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. ¹⁶ Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.” (Philippians 3:15-16)

INTRODUCTION _____

“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. ²⁵ And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

1. _____ a Common Goal

A. For the _____

Definition: *perfect*—brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness

B. For the _____

REACH FORTH

Quote: “When memories of past of the past supersede our vision for the future our doom is near.”

PRESS TOWARD CHRIST

Quote: “Aim at Heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither.”—**C. S. Lewis**

Quote: “Paul is not talking about salvation but sanctification, growth, and progress in Christian life and service.”

—Warren Wiersbe

2. _____ a Convicting God

A. _____ Believers

“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.” (Proverbs 24:16)

Quote: “Most Bible characters met with failure and survived. Even when the failure was immense, those who [rebounded] refused to lie in the dust and bemoan their tragedy. In fact, their failure and repentance led to a greater conception of God’s grace. They came to know the God of the second chance and sometimes the third and fourth.”—**Oswald Sanders**

B. _____ God

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.” (John 16:7–8)

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.” (Daniel 1:8)

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

“But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹² So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. ¹³ Let us not

therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.” (Romans 14:10–13)

3. _____ a Convincing Guide

Quote: “To accomplish spiritual goals I must make daily spiritual actions a priority.”

A. The _____ of Scripture

“Thy word is true from the beginning: And every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.” (Psalm 119:160)

THE INSPIRED, PRESERVED SCRIPTURES

THE ONLY SAVIOUR—Jesus Christ

THE HOLY SPIRIT—The third Person of the Godhead

SALVATION—By grace through faith in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ

“But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; ¹⁵ And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:14–17)

*“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:21)*

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:7)

B. The _____ of Scripture