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## Start The Day With A Task Completed

 "If you can't do the little things right, you will never be able to do the big things right."

- Luke 16:10 One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.
- Matthew 25:23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'
- Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men

## Find Someone To Help You Through Life

- "You can't change the world alone."
- What do we find in the Bible?
  - Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
  - Ecclesiastes 4:12- And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
  - Matthew 8:23-27- And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him...there arose a great storm on the sea...the boat was being swamped by the waves..."Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm...

### Respect Everyone

- "Nothing matters, but your will to succeed; not your color, your ethnic background, your education, your social status. Measure a person by the size of their heart."
- What do we find in the Bible?
  - I John 4:20-21- If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.
  - I Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature...For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

### Life Is Not Fair; Move Forward

- "Some of your best efforts may appear to go unappreciated. Sometimes no matter how well you prepare or how well you perform you will still end up as a 'sugar cookie'."
- What do we find in the Bible?
  - Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
  - Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

## Don't Be Afraid To Fail; Often

 "Every days you will face challenges. You may not meet the standard. Endurance of the 'circuses' and the calisthenics, you will develop strength and resiliency. You will fail. It will often be painful and discouraging, but it will test your very core."

- Romans 5:3-4 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope...
- Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

## Take Risks

"Sometimes you have to slide down the obstacles head first."

- Ephesians 6:11- Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- Psalm 25:1-6 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ... O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long

### Face Down the Bullies

 "Stand your ground. There are a lot of sharks in the world. If you hope to complete the swim you will have to deal with them. Deal with them; don't back down from them."

- Matthew 10:16- Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.
- I John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world
- Joshua 1:9 Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go

## Step Up When Times Are Toughest

 "In the darkness moments it is easy to get disoriented and you can fail. You need to be calm and composed, so that all your tactic powers and inner strength must be brought to bear."

- II Timothy 4:3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,
- I Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons,
- Luke 21:14-15 Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

## Lift Up the Downtrodden

 "Resist the encouragement to quit. The power of hope from one person can make change by giving other people hope."

- John 8:12- Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- Romans 12:2- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- Philippians 2:15 ...prove yourselves to be...children of God...appear as lights in the world.

## Never Give Up

 "Ring the bell and you can get out of all the hardships of training. Never ring the bell. It will never be easy."

- Galatians 6:9- And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
- Luke 1:37- For nothing will be impossible with God.
- Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith ...Consider Him who endured...so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.