

Do Not Faint!

- “...They shall walk and not faint” (Is.40:31)
- “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hb.12:1)

How to guard against fainting?

What keeps us from fainting?

I. Prayer
(Talk to God)

Rom.10:1

- Desire is one thing; expressing it is another
- 1 Tim.2:1 –
 - **Supplications:** prayers imploring God's aid in a matter. Mt.6:11. 2 Th.3:10
 - **Prayers:** general term; includes every form of address to God. Ac.2:42
 - **Intercessions:** petition or plea on behalf of another. 3 Jn.2. 1 Tim.2:1-2
 - **Thanksgiving:** all blessings come from God. Ep.5:20

Luke 11:1

- Why ask Him to teach them how to pray?
 1. Fervency of His prayers? Hb.5:7.
 2. Frequency of His prayers?

Lk.3:21-22

Lk.4:42 (Mk.1:35)

Lk.5:15-16

Lk.9:18, 29

Lk.10:21

Lk.11:1

Lk.22:31-32,40...

Lk.23:34, 46

Phil.4:6-7

- Ac.16:25, But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them
 - Conversion of souls resulted
- Love of God wants best for us
- Wisdom of God knows what is best
- Power of God can accomplish it

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I. Prayer (Talk to God)

II. Reading / Studying Bible
(God talks to you)

1 Pt.2:1-2

- The word is to the soul what food is to the body – strength, energy, nourishment
- To make Bible study profitable . . .
 - Submissive attitude. Ac.17:11
 - Honesty wants truth. Ph.1:9;
Hb.5:14; Lk.6:46
 - Systematic approach.
 - Not only in disasters... Jn.4, 6

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III. **Act on Your Knowledge**
(Talk to yourself)

Lukewarm people are miserable

- Lk.16:10, He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much
- Ja.1:22, But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves...
- Ph.4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me
 - Positive mental attitude: 'I' can do all things
 - Trust in God: 'I can ... through HIM'

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II. Reading/Studying (God talk to you)

III. Act on Knowledge (Talk to Self)

IV. Share Gospel
(Talk to others)

Are we only ones who have problems?

Most seek happiness in wrong places

- It is not in unbelief.
- It is not in pleasure.
- It is not in money.
- It is not in possessions and fame.
- It is not in military glory.

Are we only ones who have problems?

- True happiness is a by-product. Ac.8:8; Ph.4:4; 2 Co.1:24; 1 Th.2:7; 3 Jn.4
- Jn.16:22, Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you
- Phil.4:4, Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
- Hb.12:3, consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls

Conclusions

- Gal.6:9, And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart

“Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance”

“Tis known by the name of perseverance in a good cause – and of obstinacy in a bad one.”