

Supporting Christian Unity in the Alfred Community



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Often we hear phrases like, "Keep fighting the good fight", or "As long as you do your best, God will do the rest".

This is so true. In fact, when you look into the bible, you can see so many verses that support each one of these phrases. See for yourself:

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and stay safe. Proverbs 4:25-26 NLT

Fight the good fight for what we believe. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12 NLT

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. Philip. 3: 12 NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down,... And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. Philip. 3:14 NLT

Hold tightly to the word of life, so that when Christ returns, I will be proud that I did not lose the race and that my work was not useless. Philip. 2:16 NLT

All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. 1 Cor. 9:25 NLT

Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. 1 Thes. 5:17-18 NLT

He replied,(Jesus) "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice." Luke 11:28 NLT

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and stay safe. Don't get sidetracked. Proverbs 4:25-27 NLT

The LORD has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 NLT

...Obedience is far better than sacrifice. 1 Samuel 15:22 NLT

Unless you are faithful in small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. Luke 16:10 NLT

In this world of 'man's' way of doing things it is so hard to live accordingly to the bible, because the world is going its' own ways of doing things rather than God's ways. There are so many voices out there calling to us and many will sound like good advice – please be careful. You don't need another self help book or seminar to understand the habits of a highly effective individual. Christ is the ultimate model of true success for us to strive to be like. His Father's guidance and His own teachings are available to you in the best selling book we call the Bible.

It is my hope for you that some or all of these verses bring you wisdom and encouragement to believe in God and to know that God is working behind the scenes in your lives. He has done so much in my life alone, and I know that for 'little ole me', for the work that He keeps doing, He must really love me as the bible tells me and that He does love each and everyone of us. May God bless you and keep you.

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