

2 Corinthians 5:17 (Phillips) "What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!"

Philippians 3:12-14 (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. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 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."

Philippians 2:12 (NLT) "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;"

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

Ephesians 1:19-20a (MSG) "Oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength! All this energy issues from Christ."

First: Recognize that your spiritual life is a JOURNEY.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Second: Set your sights on the final DESTINATION.

Hebrews 10:10 (NIV) "And what God wants is for us to be made holy."

Leviticus 20:7 (NLT) "So set yourselves apart to be holy for I the Lord am your God who makes you holy."

1 Samuel 16:7b (NLT) "The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

2 Corinthians 3:18 (Phillips) "And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more."

Third: Ask God to help with your ROADBLOCKS.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT) "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV) "Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence or awe for God."

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Fourth: Learn how to [REFUEL](#).

2 Peter 1:3-8 (Phillips) "As we know Jesus better His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. So make every effort to apply these promises to your life. Then your faith will produce a life of moral excellence. A life of moral excellence leads to knowing God better. Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance and patient endurance leads to godliness. Godliness leads to love for other Christians, and finally you will grow to have genuine love for everyone."

Fifth: Pause along the way to celebrate the [PROGRESS](#).

Psalms 40:5 (NLT) "O LORD my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB) "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT) "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations."

Application:

Do you recognize that your spiritual life is a journey?

Where are you in your spiritual journey?

Do you see only what is in front of you or do you keep your sights on the final destination?

Identify any roadblocks that hinder or halt your forward progress.

Ask God to help you remove any and all roadblocks you identified.

Do you take time to get alone with God on a daily basis to refuel your life and prepare you for more of the journey?

Where can you celebrate what God is doing in your life?

Where do you have to adjust your life to allow God to more fully change you to be like Him?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."