

1 John 1:1-3 (NKJV) "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled ... we declare to you."

First: Start SERVING.

Matthew 20:26-29 (NKJV) "Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant, and whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave - Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Matthew 23:11 (NKJV) "He who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

1) Choose DEVOTION over OBLIGATION.

1 Peter 5:2b (NKJV) "Serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, according to God's will..."

2.) Choose GIVING over GETTING.

1 Peter 5:2b (NASB) "Not for sordid gain, but with eagerness."

Psalm 112:9 (Phillips) "He gives generously to those in need. His deeds will never be forgotten. He shall have influence and honor."

3) Choose being an EXAMPLE over being in CONTROL.

1 Peter 5:3 (NASB) "Not lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock."

Second: Stay HUMBLE.

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NASB) "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time."

Philippians 2:8 (NKJV) "He (Jesus) humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Third: Stop WORRYING.

1 Peter 5:7 (NASB) "Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

Psalm 138:8 (NKJV) "The LORD will perfect (bring to completion or fulfill His purposes in) that which concerns me."

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Colossians 3:2 (NKJV) "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Romans 15:13 (NKJV) "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Application:

Do you find more fulfillment in serving others or being served?

Are you motivated to serve by: (circle one)

Devotion or Obligation

Giving or Getting

Being an example or being in control

I allow the principle of humility to direct my ambitions.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Where would you rate your level of trust?

Anxiety 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Hope/Peace

What have you learned about Christian Significance today?

How do you need to adjust your life to what God has shown you?

Memory Verse: **1 Peter 5:7 (NASB) "Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."**