

Issues: Quitting
2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

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Three Keys to Not Giving up

1. Value _____ over _____.

Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (verse 16)

2. Value _____ over _____.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (Verse 17)

3. Value _____ over _____.

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (Verse 18)

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QUITTING

Memory Verse: Philippians 3:14

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Lesson:

Read: Philippians 3:10-14 & 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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Philippians 3:10-14

¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

- Have you ever known anyone who gave up on life, who just wanted to quit?

- What keeps the believer from quitting?

- How could understanding and claiming the truth in these scriptures be the answer to someone who wants to give up?

- What do you think Paul means, “I want to know Christ, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming like him in his death”?

- What does it mean to the follower of Jesus to desire to know Christ, his power, his fellowship, and to become like him?

- How would knowing Christ, his power and his fellowship help you endure suffering?

Daily Devotional Reading: Some of Paul’s Other Letters

- Day #1: Ephesians 5
 - Focusing on God and responding to His Word:

- Day #2: Ephesians 6
 - Focusing on God and responding to His Word:

- Day #3: Philippians 1
 - Focusing on God and responding to His Word:

- Day #4: Philippians 2
 - Focusing on God and responding to His Word:

- Day #5: Philippians 3
 - Focusing on God and responding to His Word: