

FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A FAITH GOAL

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4. _____.

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.
Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.
Galatians 6:9 (NLT)



sermon notes

The Growth Choice
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Summary of the first three weeks: "I CAN'T. GOD CAN. LET HIM."

Week One/Choice One: THE REALITY CHOICE (I CAN'T)

I realize that I am not God, and I admit that I need help. I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing, and my life is unmanageable.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

Week Two/Choice Two: THE HOPE CHOICE (GOD CAN)

I earnestly believe that God exists, I matter to him, and God has the power to help me change.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

Week Three/Choice Three: THE COMMITMENT CHOICE (LET HIM)

I consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

Week Four/Choice Four: THE HOUSECLEANING CHOICE

I openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8 (GN)

Week Five/Choice Five: THE TRANSFORMATION CHOICE

Voluntarily submit to every change that God wants to make in my life and humbly ask God to remove my character defects.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6 (NRSV)

Week Six/Choice Six: THE RELATIONSHIP CHOICE

I choose to evaluate all of my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm that I have done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

Happy are those who are merciful to others. Matthew 5:7 (TEV)
Happy are those who work for peace. Matthew 5:9 (TEV)

WHY DO YOU RELAPSE?

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Today/Choice Seven: THE GROWTH CHOICE

I choose to reserve a daily time with God for Bible reading, self-examination and prayer in order to know God and his will for my life and to gain power to follow God’s will.

Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18 (TEV)

HOW DO YOU KEEP GROWING AND END LIFE WELL?

1. _____.

Now, dear children, remain [continue] in fellowship with Christ . . . 1 John 2:28 (NLT)

Everyone who lives in union with Christ does not continue to sin. 1 John 3:6 (TEV)

2. _____.

A person lives not on bread alone, but by everything God says. Matthew 4:4 (NCV)

The truly happy people are those who carefully study God’s perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it. They do not forget what they heard, but they obey what God’s teaching says. James 1:25 (NCV)

. . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

3. _____.

I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. 1 Corinthians 9:26 (TLB)