

Series: Joyful Living – Part 5
Scripture: Philippians 2:12-18
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REACH YOUR POTENTIAL!

There are three principles that work together that every Christian needs to understand in order to reach the potential that God has for us!

1. I NEED TO _____ AT BRINGING OUT MY POTENTIAL!

*Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--**continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,***

To “work out” your salvation means to
“ _____ ”

Two myths in the church...

Myth #1 – Living the Christian life is _____

Hebrews 5:12-13, 2 Peter 3:18, 1 Tim 4:7

Myth #2 – Once I’m _____ that’s all I need to do.

Three main steps in the Christian life...

_____ - the act by which unjust sinners are made right in the sight of a just and holy God.

_____ - *the life long process of moral transformation into more of Christ’s image.*

_____ – the final act of God when he will remove any presence of sin from our person and body.

*2 Peter 1:5-8 **Make every effort to add to your faith...***

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. I NEED TO _____ BRING OUT MY POTENTIAL!

*Philippians 2:13 ...**for it is God who works in you** to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

1 Cor. 15:10 But whatever I am now it is all because God poured out such kindness and grace upon me--and not without results: for I have worked harder than all the other apostles, yet actually I wasn't doing it, but God working in me, to bless me.

Hebrews 13:20-21 May the God of peace...equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him.

3. THERE ARE TREMENDOUS _____ WHEN I BRING OUT MY POTENTIAL!

*Philippians 2:14-16 Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, **in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life**--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.*

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.