

Stretch Nine: Keep Stretching

Text: Proverbs 24:16

Introduction:

quit : 4 : CONDUCT, ACQUIT

commence : 1 : to have or make a beginning : **START**; **2 chiefly British** : to begin to be or to act as; **3 chiefly British** : to take a degree at a university. **synonym** see BEGIN. (m-w.com/dictionary)

Our forefathers and foremothers left a legacy of continuing to seek God's kingdom. Did they fail? Yes, and at times even miserably. Faith trusts that God is so sovereign our blunders cannot dethrone Him.

I. Consider God in Your Challenges

A. _____ your trust in Him

Trust Him regarding your...

1. _____ and eternity – John 3:16; 14:1-6
2. Past _____ – Psalm 103:12
3. Present _____ – Proverbs 3:5-6
4. _____ – Matthew 6:25-34

B. _____ to God's Commands

1. _____ yourself to others for accountability – 1 Peter 5:5
2. Read It (God's Word) and _____ It – Matthew 7:24; James 1:22

II. Confront Your Challenges

Your problems:

- A. _____ them – James 5:16; Romans 3:23
- B. _____ them – Revelation 2:5; 2 Peter 1:5-8; 3:18
- C. _____ them – 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Proverbs 24:16
- D. _____ them – 2 Corinthians 12:10

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” –Reinhold Niebuhr

III. Communicate God’s Victories Though Your Challenges

- A. _____ your weaknesses – 2 Corinthians. 12:7ff
- B. _____ God’s strength – Psalm 68:34; 78:4
- C. _____ to God’s works – Acts 14:3