

W.A.T.C.H. your steps...if you want God's Blessings



Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it? They will be blessed in what they do.

James1: 23-25 (NIV)

Wait upon God

Find that quiet moment to talk to Him, sing, pray and read a passage of scripture. Reflect on the key points in the message. What has God said to you? Only you know it. Take a moment to write it down.

Assimilate the Word

Digest it. What does it mean for you? Chew on each part or different parts of the key message. What God is saying to you? Only you know it. Take a moment to write it down. Which part of the message means the most to you?

Take action

Only you know what God has asked you to do through this message. Choose the issue that bothers you most and take action within this week to settle it, God's way. Take a moment to write it down. What specific action would you take? E.g. spend time on something, with somebody, settle an issue.

Commit to your plan

Finish what you decided to do. One of the best ways is to be accountable to someone, so that you are not easily tempted to give up. Make clear what you want him/her to do to help you stay focused E.g. When to check in on you, what questions to ask you to check on your progress of your intended action. Take a moment to write it down. Who is the person that you want to be accountable to? Contact that person as soon as possible.

Help someone

Help someone based on your assimilation of the message. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Here are some ideas to help in the "A.G.A.P.E. way" (God's love): Offer **A**dvice; **G**ift; **A**dmonition; **P**rayer; **E**dification. Take a moment to write it down. Who will you help? What will you do for/with him or her? How much time or resources are you prepared to offer?

You say...



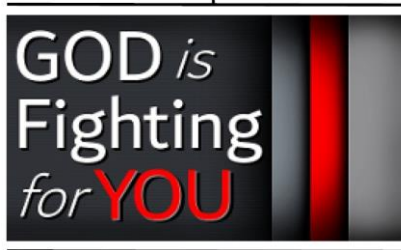
God says...

Dear God,

I can't do it. I have limited strength and resources. I am human and I am afraid. This battle is too big for me to win.

My child

I know. I never expected you to do it alone. I will fight for you. Remember the story of Gideon in the Old Testament?



Read the story of Gideon (Judges 6:11-8:32). Although the Bible describes him as timid, Gideon is known as the greatest of all the 15 judges. *When God tells us to do something, He already has it all figured out.*

He knows our weakness and fears and is prepared to comfort and assure us of victory. Isn't that great? If God is on our side, who can be against us? Fear not.

Although God told Gideon that He would give the Midianites into his hands, He knew that Gideon was afraid because he only had 300 men (which God had chosen). He told Gideon to go the enemy camp to find out the situation. Interestingly, God let him hear a conversation in which a Midianite had a dream that a big barely loaf tumbled on them. More interestingly, God even gave the Midianite the interpretation that the dream spelt trouble for them (that Gideon was coming to destroy them with God's help).

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