

#6 Grow Grit - Part 2**1. Focus on _____ over perfection.**

Philippians 3:12-14 (Amp) Not that I have already obtained it [this goal of being Christlike] or have already been made perfect, but I actively press on so that I may take hold of that [perfection] for which Christ Jesus took hold of me and made me His own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the [heavenly] prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV) For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 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. _____ overcome and succeed.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV) Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Philippians 2:4 (NIV) Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Romans 15:1 (NIV) We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.

3. Stay _____ by the _____ of overcomers.

Psalms 78:1-4 (NLT) O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past-stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders.

4. _____ the _____ of an overcomer.

The language of the overcomer:

- *Can versus can't.*
- *Opportunities versus problems.*
- *"I'm going to make it!" versus "I'm not going to make it!"*
- *"I'm going to get past this!" versus "I give up!"*
- *"I'm learning a lot!" versus "This is too hard!"*

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV) But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:13-14 (NIV) It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.