

Doing Our Part, Not God's Part –Daily Exercises

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Thoughts and questions for reflection, writing, and prayer to enhance personal growth.

Day 1

On a separate piece of paper, write out things you need God to do for you in your own life. These are things that you either don't know how to do, or don't have the power to do.

Day 2

There is often much confusion in the lives of new and old Christians about what their part is in working with God to grow. There are some who live with the motto of "I will work harder" and some who live with the motto of "Let go and let God." Both of these have a place in the life of a healthy Christian, but both of them, when taken out of context, are extremes that must be avoided. There are times to let go, and there are times to do all in your power, and take whatever steps are necessary to hold on. One important thing to keep in mind is that God often has different goals for us than we have for ourselves. We need to be in constant conversation on a daily basis to hear from God what He wants us to do. There are always acts that God wants us to do with His power, because that is how we demonstrate faith. We throw sissy punches and God delivers the knockout blow. Just trying harder is never the answer nor is it God's direction for you.

On a separate piece of paper, write out some specific things you believe God has been telling you to do.

Day 3

Memorize

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NIV)

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Day 4

On a separate sheet of paper, write about an instance in your life when you tried to do something that is God's job, and only became frustrated in the process.

Day 5

What do these stories show us about the part God wants us to play when He does great things?

Gideon

Judges 6 and 7

What did God ask Gideon to do? What did God do?

Moses

Exodus 14:13-31

What did God ask Moses to do? What did God do?

Joshua

Joshua 6:1-27

What did God ask Joshua to do? What did God do?

In all of these situations, God asked them to do specific things, and in return He acted.