

DON'T GIVE UP – 3
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REVIEW:

- Our walk is like a mountain climb.
- Three attitudes exist – quit, camp, climb.
- Attitude determines altitude.
- Paul’s attitude – Nothing was more important than knowing Jesus intimately, the power of His resurrection, the fellowship of His suffering, and becoming what He wants us to be.
- Game plan – Forget the past, press forward, walk in the light He already had.

CONTINUE:

COL. 1:25-29 – Paul’s primary goal in his labors was to present every man perfect in Christ. Perfection has three stages.

1. Positional – Based on our relationship and union.
2. Progressive – Based on personal growth. **PS. 138:8** As we press on toward the mark, we are changed from glory to glory. **2 COR. 3:18**
3. Completed – When we are glorified.

The decisions we make determine the course and outcome of our lives. Paul chose to be a climber and finish his course. Daniel purposed not to defile himself. What about us? Here are 10 quality decisions that will promote our spiritual maturity.

A SUGGESTED NEVER TO DO LIST

1. Perish. **JOHN 3:16**
 - A. God did everything to prevent our perishing. Our part is to accept Christ and remain faithful and devoted to Him all of our lives.
2. Be ashamed. **MARK 8:34-38**
 - A. **ROM. 1:16** – Paul wasn’t ashamed of Christ, His Words, or the gospel. He boldly professed Christ no matter what the cost.
3. Blame God. **GEN. 3:12**
 - A. To blame is to hold another responsible for our mistakes, lack of success or failures.
 - B. God is not our problem. **JAMES 1:16-17** He never changes. **EX 10:21-23** Light in Goshen.
4. Stop serving. **MARK 10:45**
 - A. Serving God doesn’t mean living a challenge free life.
 - B. **JOHN 16:33 (AMP. CLASSIC EDITION - AMPC)**
5. Give in. **JAMES 1:12, 1 COR. 10:13**
 - A. To any temptation to distort truth or compromise the Word.
6. Stop loving. **JOHN 13:35**
 - A. **COL. 2:1-3** – Jonathan and David’s hearts were knit together in love.
 - B. God wants us to have the same concern. **COL. 3:14**
7. Giving. **LUKE 6:30-38**
 - A. Our goods, actions, love, mercy, time, talents, abilities, our efforts to promote God’s Kingdom.
8. Forgiving. **EPH. 4:32**
 - A. Forgiveness reflects Christ’s character, demonstrates obedience, displays God’s mercy, and reconciles relationships.
9. Look back. **GEN. 19:26**
 - A. Mrs. Lot had seven warnings yet refused to go forward.
 - B. **LUKE 9:57-62** Job, family, not look back.
10. Forsake fellowship. **HEB. 10:24-25**
 - A. Jesus did.
 - B. It sets an example.
 - C. It promotes fellowship.
 - D. It promotes spiritual growth.
 - E. It’s a command.