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Instead of Getting By
Give God Your Best
Refuse to Give Him Leftovers

In The Time When We Need People...

Step Up

Take Up

Instead of Getting By

Give God Your Best

Refuse to Give Him Leftovers
Step Back
Give Up
Responsibility
Make an Excuse

STRENGTH DOESN'T COME FROM WHAT YOU CAN DO. IT COMES FROM OVERCOMING THE THINGS YOU ONCE THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T.



Anybody Notice How Hard Things Have Been Lately? "Challenge" is the Word of this Season

- Satan Sends Challenges to Break Us
- Break Our Commitment, Calling, Concentration
 - God Allows Challenges to Build Us
- Build Our Commitment, Calling, Concentration
 - The Final Decision is Always Ours
- One Way to Discover Which Way We Are Leaning?
 - Are We Giving God Leftovers...
 - Is Our Commitment Waning?
 - Our Calling Doubted?
 - Our Concentration Broken?
 - Has Excuses Become Our Norm?

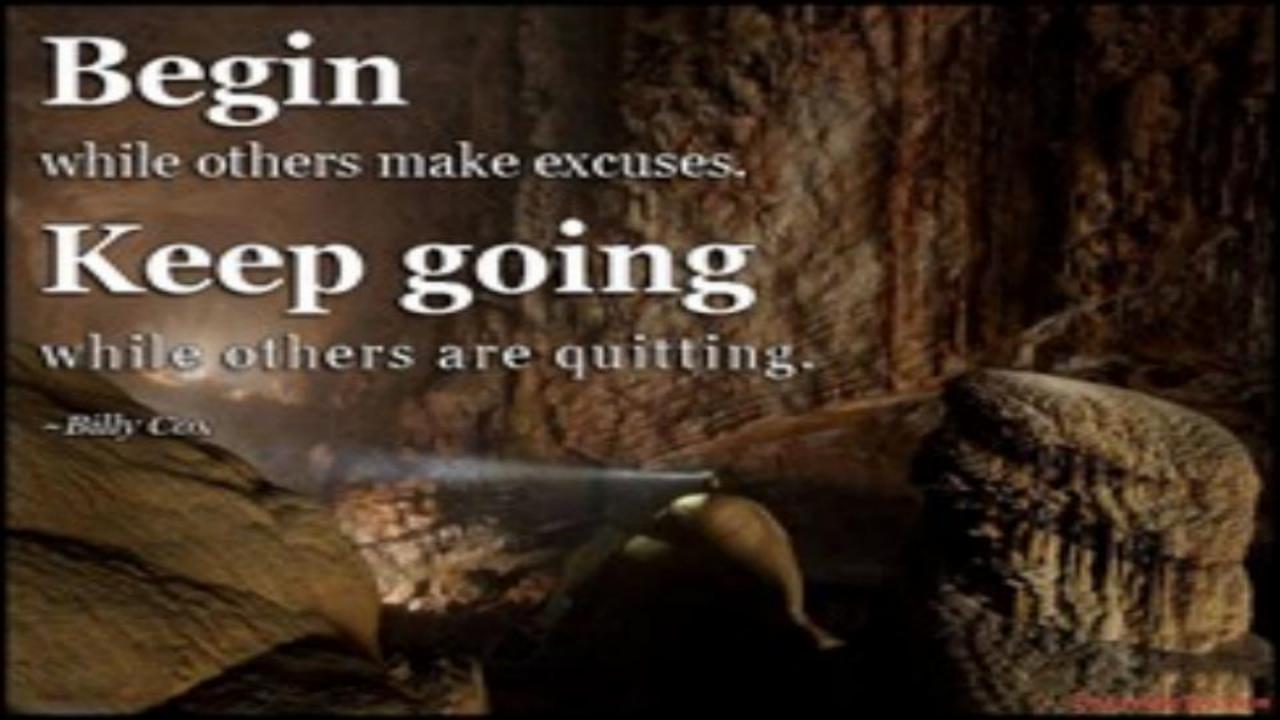
God is not interested in our excuses, but our ability to unleash our purpose on Earth; regardless of the struggles, we find along the way.

Gift Gugs Moral



- Starts By Refusing to...
 - Give God Our Leftovers
 - Place Blame vs Accept Responsibility
 - **oLive Comfortable in Our Excuses**

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- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved 2 Tim 2:15
- "run in such a way as to get the prize ... not like someone running aimlessly" 1 Cor. 9:24-27

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Mark 14:1-9

- "She Had Little (ONE Thing)"
- She Focused on What She Had Verses
 - What She Didn't Have
- She Didn't Hesitate to Give Him Her Best
 - Jesus Responded with His Best
 - "Remembered and Discussed"



Widow's Mite

Mark 12:41-44 (KJV)

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- ⁴¹ Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. ⁴² One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. ⁴³ Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together.
 - 44 All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."



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God Loves a "Cheerful Giver"

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (KJV)

⁶ But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

David's Powerful Choice

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And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵ And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.



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- ²⁵ He built an altar to GOD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. GOD was moved by the prayers and that was the end of the disaster.



David's Powerful Choice

"He Had Everything" **But Peace** His Kingdom had a Problem God Said He Could Have Peace w- a Sacrifice God Named the Place, the Plan... **But David Named the Price** "I Refuse to Offer that which Costs Me Nothing" The Plague was Stayed

Don't give in to excuses that can keep you from really living the best life God has for you.





What it Means to Give God Your Best

- ☐ Your Best Involves Giving God Your Total Being "Widow and Her Mite"
- Greatest Commandment "love the Lord with all your heart / with all your soul / with all your mind" -Matt. 22:37
- □ Your Best Involves Giving God Your First of Everything "Mary / Alabaster Box"
 - Israelites giving God the first fruits/best of the flock.
- We serve the same God, still worthy of the first / best of our time, efforts, and resources.
- ☐ Your Best Involves Giving God Your Most Superior Work "David"
 - To give God a half-hearted or sloppy effort falls short of... "doing whatever we do for the glory of God" -1 Cor. 10:31

8 POWERFUL WORDS

FOR THE GYM

1. BE YOURSELF

2. DO IT

ALL THINGS ARE DIFF!CULT BEFORE THEY ARE EASY

3. NO PAIN NO GAIN
THE PAIN YOU FEEL TODAY.
WILL BE THE STRENGTH YOU FEEL TOMORROW

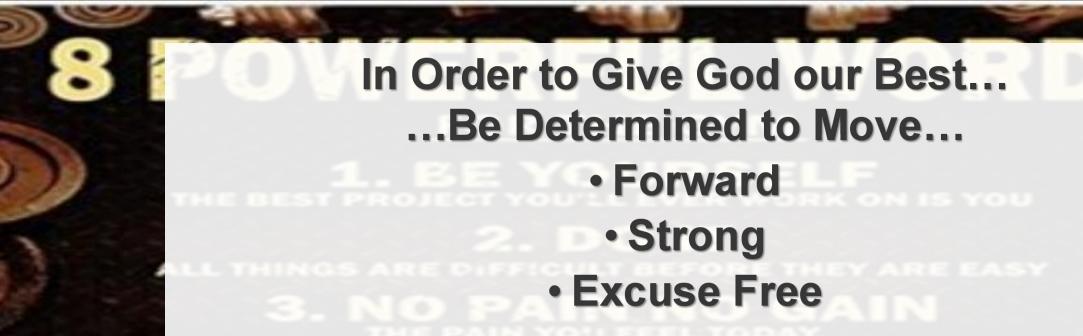
A LITTLE PROGRESS EACH DAY ADDS UP TO BIG RESULTS

5. WORK HARD

MY BODY INSTANTLY FEELS RECHARGED WHEN I WORKOUT

7. STAY STRONG

S. FEEL GOOD



Col 3:23 (AMP)

Whatever may be your task,
 work at it heartily (from the soul),
 as [something done] for the Lord and not for men

8. FEEL GOOD

Begin time is the

This Week's Challenge

- Be Quick to Take Responsibility
- Begin to See Problems as Opportunities
 - Build a No Excuse Attitude
 - Focus Haves vs Have Nots
 ...and Keep Moving Forward

someone else is already

GETTING RESULTS

because they decided

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MORE IMPORTANT
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