

HOMEWORK

1. Move _____ Without Waiting for Permission

In **Exodus 4:1-12**, Moses stood before a burning bush making excuses. “What if they don’t believe me?” he asked. Sound familiar? God’s response was essentially, “I’ll be with you. Go.” [1]

The lesson is straightforward: **you don’t need everyone’s approval to obey God’s call.** His voice is the only permission you need. If you’ve been sitting on a God-given dream—starting a ministry, writing that book, reaching out to a neighbor—stop waiting. Step forward.

2. Start with What You Already _____

David didn’t wait for a soldier’s armor. He grabbed five smooth stones and a sling—tools he already knew how to use (**1 Samuel 17:34-37**).

Don’t wait for perfect circumstances. Maybe you have five loaves and two fish, or just a little bit of time. Use it. God multiplies what we offer Him. The next step reveals itself through action, not through overthinking.

3. Keep Your _____ Fixed on Jesus

When Peter walked on water, he was fine—until he looked at the waves (**Matthew 14:29-30**). **Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)** tells us to look “unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”

In 2026, distractions are everywhere. Social media, news cycles, and daily pressures can pull your gaze away from Christ. The practical step? **Each morning, before you pick up your phone, pick up your Bible.** Even five minutes of focused Scripture reading resets your perspective.

4. _____ with Your Whole Heart—Not Your Leftovers

(Genesis 4:3-4)

“God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7, NKJV). Notice it doesn’t say God loves a reluctant giver or a leftover giver. [1]

I’ve seen this play out in my own life. When I started giving first—before bills, before wants—something shifted. Not just financially, but in my heart. Generosity became worship instead of obligation.

Practical step: Set up your giving before your other expenses. Whether it’s a tithe, an offering, or simply buying someone’s coffee, make generosity intentional, not accidental.

5. _____ as Unto the Lord

“Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men” (Colossians 3:23, NKJV).

Your job isn’t just a paycheck. It’s a platform for ministry. Whether you’re a teacher, a plumber, a stay-at-home parent, or a CEO, your work ethic reflects your faith. Practice over-delivery in every project and calling as an act of worship.

6. Surrender Your Need for _____

*This one is tough. We plan, we strategize, we grip our calendars like a lifeline. But **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)** says:*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Surrendering control doesn’t mean being passive. It means holding your plans with open hands and letting God redirect when He sees fit. That’s where real peace lives.

7. Leverage Your God-Given _____

Exodus 31:1-6 describes how God filled Bezalel with His Spirit and gave him skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts. Your unique ideas—those creative sparks—come from the Creator Himself.

*Don’t judge your ideas before you implement them. That business concept, that ministry approach, that new way of teaching your small group—**trust your specific creative flavor**. God gave it to you for a reason.*

8. _____ Your Spouse as an Equal Partner

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV) calls husbands to dwell with their wives “with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life.” [1]

The phrase “heirs together” is key. Marriage isn’t a hierarchy of worth—it’s a partnership of purpose. Practically, this means listening before speaking, serving before demanding, and praying together regularly.

9. _____ Freely and Quickly

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32, NKJV).

Forgiveness isn't a feeling—it's a decision. And it's one of the most emancipating things you'll ever do. Holding onto bitterness doesn't punish the other person; it imprisons you.

Practical step: *If someone comes to mind right now that you need to forgive, write their name down. Pray for them by name this week. You don't have to feel ready. Just be willing.*

10. Show Love Through _____.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8, NIV).

Hospitality doesn't require a perfect house or a gourmet meal. It requires an open door and a willing heart. Invite someone over for coffee. Share a meal with a neighbor. These small acts reflect Christ in powerful ways and build the kind of community we all crave.