

Series: Strategies For Overcoming Adversities

Topic: The Role of Spiritual Growth - Pastor Alton Trimble

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

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RINER

Join Pastor Trimble As He Shares The Vision & Philosophy Of GCFI

Thursday June 6th, 6:30pm-8:30pm or Saturday June 8th, 9am-11:30am

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR FINANCIAL GROWTH

PRESENTED BY SIMONE DILISSER, CPA

"IT'S NOT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU MAKE, BUT HOW YOU MANAGE THE MONEY YOU HAVE, THAT DETERMINES FINANCIAL SUCCESS." - PASTOR ALTON TRIMBLE

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20 June 15th 9AM - 2PM

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th!

Celebrate Father's Day by sharing a photo of you and your Father and/or Grandfather.

Photos MUST be submitted by Wednesday, June 5th

to be included in our special video. *Photos should be in JPEG format.

Email photos to: fellowship@glorychristian.org

Singles Ministry Bowling Night



Friday June 14th 7pm

Palos Verdes Bowl 24600 Crenshaw Boulevard Torrance, CA 90505 *Must sign up by Sunday, June 9th to ensure an accurate count.

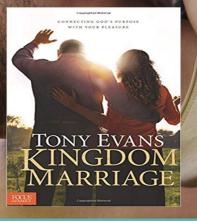
MARRIAGE CONNECTION

OPEN TO ALL COUPLES, INCLUDING NEWLYWEDS

is hosting a "Get Acquainted" Date Night

воок Kingdom Marriage By Tony Evans

Friday **June 14th** @ 7pm





STRATEGIES FOR OVERCOMING ADVERSITIES SERIES THE ROLE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH – PASTOR ALTON TRIMBLE SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

PROVERBS 24:10 (NKJV)

If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

PROVERBS 24:10 (NLT)

If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small.

II CORINTHIANS 4:1 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

II CORINTHIANS 4:16 (NKJV)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV)

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

EPHESIANS 3:13 (NKJV)

Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

MATTHEW 17:14-21 (NKJV)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

SIX PRINCIPLES TO CULTIVATE YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

1. THE PRINCIPLE OF PUSHING BEYOND YOUR CURRENT CAPACITY.

MARK 1:35-36 (NKJV)

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

• After a great ministry.

LUKE 5:12-16 (NKJV)

And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." ¹³ Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him. ¹⁴ And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded." ¹⁵ However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

• In making decisions.

LUKE 6:12-13 (NKJV)

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. ¹³ And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles.

2. THE PRINCIPLE OF GRADUAL PROGRESSION.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 (NKJV)

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

• We get rid of and add to.

<u>I PETER 2:1-5 (NKJV)</u>

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. ⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

• Give yourself permission to grow.

II PETER 3:18a (NKJV)

...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

3. THE PRINCIPLE OF FOCUS.

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (NKJV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

4. THE PRINCIPLE OF REST AND RECOVERY.

MATTHEW 11:28 (NKJV)

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

PSALM 23:2 (NKJV)

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

PSALM 116:7 (NKJV)

Return to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

ISAIAH 28:12 (NKJV)

To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; yet they would not hear.

HEBREWS 4:3a (NKJV)

For we who have believed do enter that rest...

5. THE PRINCIPLE OF INDIVIDUALITY.

ROMANS 12:3 (NKJV)

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

• Growth has a process.

MARK 4:26-29 (NKJV)

And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

• Growth is more addition than substitution.

II PETER 1:5-7 (NKJV)

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

• Even Jesus increased.

LUKE 2:41-52 (NKJV)

6. THE PRINCIPLE OF REVERSIBILITY.

EXODUS 32:1 (NKJV)

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

<u>I KINGS 11:4 (NKJV)</u>

For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO MATURE SPIRITUALLY?

i. By putting away childish ways.

I CORINTHIANS 13:11 (NKJV)

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

ii. By cultivating understanding.

I CORINTHIANS 14:20 (NKJV)

Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

iii. By following the example of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:13, 15 (NKJV)

...till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

iv. By partaking in the deeper truth of the Gospel.

HEBREWS 5:14 (NKJV)

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

v. By overcoming the wicked one in our daily lives.

I JOHN 2:14 (NKJV)

I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.