



Bible Study
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CHOP WOOD CARRY WATER

Chapter 7
Nothing is a Test
Matthew 25:14-15

In this chapter, the key to reaching your full potential is shared. Understanding the principles in this chapter will help you to understand that our greatest responsibility to God and ourselves is to be the best we can be. These principles will teach that there is no real advantage to constantly trying to be better than someone else. Every person has all he/she needs to live a joyous, fulfilled life. The fundamentals never change. Chop wood and carry water. We must fall in love with the process – Bible Study, Prayer, and Obedience.

Principles

1. Do not get in the way of your potential by seeing everything as a test. Your potential is not reached by trying to be better than others. Potential is all that you can do but have not yet achieved or all you can become but have not yet become. You can never reach your potential by passing a test. Great athletes excel not by trying to be better than other players but by constantly trying to be better than themselves by getting better at the fundamentals.

2. Nothing is a test, but everything is an opportunity to learn and grow—understanding this will help us deal with COVID-19—[James 1:2-4](#). God does not want us to just win. He already has done that. He wants us to learn and grow. This process never ends and takes a lifetime to achieve—[Luke 2:52](#), [Hebrews 5:8-9](#), [Psalm 119:71](#). Our full potential is only realized through what we have learned and how we have grown, not by what we have tried to avoid. Chop wood and carry water.

3. Many people never fulfill their potential because they look at everything in life as a test. You can never be your best if your goal is just to pass a test. The goal must be to become the best you can be. If you look at something as a test, then you will focus on only passing the test instead of maximizing your growth through the experience.