

SECRETS OF STAYING POWER

Vineyard Values Part 3 of 6
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“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”
2 Corinthians. 4:8-9 (NIV)

1. RELAX IN GOD’S GRACE!

“What I’m trying to do here is get you to relax. To not be so preoccupied with getting so you can respond to God’s giving.” Matthew 6:31 (MSG)

“...Since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart!”
2 Corinthians. 4:1 (NIV)

2. REFUSE TO FAKE IT!

“We have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We use no trickery, and we do not change the teaching of God. We teach the truth plainly, showing everyone who we are. Then they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are in God's sight.”
2 Corinthians 4:2 (NCV)

*Why always determines How long

3. RESOLVE TO LOVE OTHERS!

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.”
2 Corinthians 4:15 (NIV)

“Love never gives up... and endures through every circumstance.”
1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

4. RENEW MYSELF DAILY

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”
2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. And three people are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”
Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

5. REFOCUS ON ETERNITY

“For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.”
2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)