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**THE CONTINUING
SERVANT**

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CONTINUE

2 TIMOTHY 3:14

Title: The Continuing Servant

“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. ³ Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” (2 Timothy 2:1-3)

INTRODUCTION

1. A _____ Heart

A. Focused on _____

“My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.” (Psalm 57:7)

“Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, And that seek him with the whole heart.” (Psalm 119:2)

A GOSPEL FOCUS

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:11)

A WORSHIPFUL FOCUS

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

QUOTE: “We are frequently told, indeed, that the great danger of the theological student lies precisely in his constant contact with divine things. They may come to seem common to him because they are customary. The very atmosphere of your life is these things; you breathe them in at every pore: they surround you, encompass you, press in upon you from every side. It is all in danger of becoming common to you! God forgive you, you are in danger of becoming weary of God!”—**B.B. Warfield**

B. Focused on _____

QUOTE: “Leadership begins with who we are, not what we do.”

CONSIDER YOUR SPIRITUAL STATE DAILY

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (1 Timothy 4:16)

QUOTE: “Some years ago we often sang a hymn, ‘Take Time to Be Holy.’ I wish we sang it more in these days. It takes time to be holy; one cannot be holy in a hurry, and much of the time that it takes to be holy must go into secret prayer. Some people express surprise that professing Christians today are so little like their Lord, but when I stop to think how little time the average Christian today puts into secret prayer the thing that astonishes me is, not that we are so little like the Lord, but that we are as much like the Lord as we are.”—**R.A. Torrey**

ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ADJUST

“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” (James 1:25)

ALIGN YOUR INWARD CONVICTIONS TO YOUR EXTERNAL SCHEDULE

Determine Your Priorities

1. My _____
2. My _____

3. My _____
4. My _____
5. My _____
6. My _____ and _____

QUOTE: “It’s easy to say ‘no’ when there is a greater ‘yes’ burning inside.”

QUOTE: “Executives who do not manage themselves for effectiveness cannot possibly expect to manage their associates and subordinates.”—**Peter Drucker**

2. A Growth in _____

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:” (Hebrews 12:28)

A. Grace Produces _____

“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)

QUOTE: “Materialism says, ‘Be satisfied, please yourself.’ Psychology says, ‘Be confident, fulfill yourself.’ Pride says, ‘Be superior, promote yourself.’ Humanism says, ‘Be capable, believe in yourself.’ God says, ‘Be wise, humble yourself.’”

QUOTE: “Humility is to make a right estimate of one’s own self.”—**Charles H. Spurgeon**

QUOTE: “I’m always searching for a certain kind of humility in our most senior leaders—people who don’t think they know it all. You’re fighting arrogance and bureaucracy every day, and if you have people that act that way, then it’s never good.”—**Jeff Immelt**, Chairman and CEO of GE

The Seven Downward Steps of Peter

1. Being Overconfident

“And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.” (Luke 22:33-34)

2. Physical Fatigue

“And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,” (Luke 22:45)

3. Failing to Pray

4. Growing Distant from Jesus

“Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest’s house. And Peter followed afar off.” (Luke 22:54)

5. Trying to Hide in Public

“And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.” (Luke 22:55)

6. Lying

“And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.” (Luke 22:57)

7. Escalating Denials

“And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. ⁵⁹ And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.” (Luke 22:58-60)

B. Grace Offers _____

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: ³² And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32)

LOCAL CHURCH FORGIVENESS

FELLOW SERVANT FORGIVENESS

“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.” (Romans 12:18)

C. Grace Produces _____

CONTENTMENT IS WRAPPED IN GOD’S PROVIDENCE

*“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”
(1 Timothy 6:6)*

CONTENTMENT IS THE FRUIT OF AN OBEDIENT SOUL

“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” (Jeremiah 6:16)

QUOTE: “Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”—**Thomas Watson**

3. Godly _____

A. Strong _____ Relationships

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” (Genesis 2:18)

LOVE YOUR FAMILY

LISTEN TO YOUR FAMILY

B. Strong Local _____ Relationships

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.” (1 Corinthians 12:12)

C. Strong _____ Relationships

“Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” (Proverbs 27:17)

HELP WITH RHYTHM AND PACE

HELP WITH ENCOURAGEMENT
AND ACCOUNTABILITY

HELP WITH A GODLY WALK

4. An Abiding _____

“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” (Psalm 56:3)

A. Trust in the _____ of God

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

QUOTE: “Sooner or later, even the upbeat soul gets beat up by life. We need a higher power, a deeper strength, a mightier word.”—**Robert Morgan**

DEFINITION: “*sovereignty*”—God’s exercise of His supremacy. It is the absolute manner in which all things have been assigned their respective places.

QUOTE: “Romans 8:28 is a soft pillow for a tired heart.”
—**R.A. Torrey**

QUOTE: “God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

B. Trust in the _____ of God

THROUGH MINISTRY TRIALS

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.” (1 Peter 4:12)

QUOTE: “All leaders get criticized. It’s their response to criticism that sets them apart.”

QUOTE: “To avoid criticism say nothing, do nothing, be nothing.”

THROUGH MINISTRY BURDENS

“Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.” (2 Corinthians 11:28)

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

5. A Biblical _____

A. To _____ God

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:11)

DEFINITION: “glorify”—to reveal or make clear

“For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth: Thou art exalted far above all gods.” (Psalm 97:9)

THROUGH OUR WORKS

THROUGH SPIRITUAL FRUIT

THROUGH PRAISE

B. To _____ a Lost World

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” (John 20:21)

QUOTE: “If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap into Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

C. To _____ Faithful to My Calling

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:2)

“But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. ⁵ For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: ⁶ Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 2:4-6)

CONCLUSION



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