

Are you Living with Momentum?

Momentum Defined: The strength or force that allows something to continue or grow stronger or faster as time passes

Scripture: John 17:1-5

Once way in which we can describe the life Jesus lived here on this earth would be that He lived with momentum

He also lived with purpose and focus!

Jesus came to Earth with a Purpose, with a Mission, with a Goal before Him:

1. To Glorify the Father - John 12:27, 28; 14:13; 17:1-5
2. To Seek and to Save the Lost – Luke 19:10



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John 12:27-28

²⁷Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.

John 13:31-32

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, **Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.**

³²If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

John 14:13 - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 17:1-5

¹These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:**

²As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. ³And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **⁴I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.** ⁵And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

God's glory is manifest in His attributes (Exodus 34:6)

Jesus work on earth was a displayed God's glory:

- ⇒ We see God's compassion in Jesus as He healed the sick
- ⇒ We see God's power in Jesus, who rebuked the wind and calmed the sea
- ⇒ We see God's mercy and grace in Jesus, who forgave repentant sinners
- ⇒ We see God's omniscience in Jesus, who knew the thoughts of those around Him
- ⇒ We see God's holiness in Jesus, who lived a perfect life without sin
- ⇒ We see God's justice and love in Jesus, who died on the cross, taking God's wrath against sin upon Himself



2. To Seek and to Save the Lost

He would save His people from their sins

Matthew 1:21 - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 9:51 - And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he **stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,**

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

John 13:1 - Now before the feast of the passover, when **Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father,** having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

Jesus life on earth had clear purpose and focus!

Does your life have direction?

Are you directing your life or is the busyness of life and its controlling circumstances driving you?

“Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”

Missionary Jim Elliott

5 Observations About Living with Momentum:

1. Momentum needs to be directed toward a purpose, goal or Mission

God's 5 Purposes:

- ⇒ That your life brings pleasure to Him – Revelation 4:11
- ⇒ That you glorify Him in all you do – 1 Corinthians 10:31
- ⇒ That you have an intimate relationship with Him – James 4:8
- ⇒ That you become like Christ (character) – Romans 8:29
- ⇒ That you reach the lost with the Gospel – Mark 16:15

Question - What is your life moving toward?

Recommend writing out a Life Purpose Statement of Mission Statement

I exist to glorify God with my life and to become more like Christ. To grow in a love relationship with Him and display His character to others. To carry out His mission in the world and in my areas of influence.

2. The Strength of Obedience

When we start obeying God, we build momentum

“If you are on the right track and just sit there you will get run over.”

3. The Benefit of Focus

Momentum is maintained as we keep our purpose in focus

Speaking of the later days of his life, Dr. Harold Willington was described at his funeral as

“A man whose mind was **not** fixed on the pain of today but on the promise of tomorrow.”

A. Example of Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-2 - ¹Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses (**People of faith from chapter 11**), let us **lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (Things that hinder our momentum)** and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²**Looking unto Jesus (Our Focus)** the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

B. Example of the Apostle Paul

Philippians 3:13-14 - ¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

“Forgetting those things which are behind” – Rely on past achievements or to dwell on sins and failures

- ⇒ Past achievements – past service for God
- ⇒ Past sins and failures

⇒ Past heartaches and scars

“Scars remind us of where we have been. They don't have to dictate where we are going.”

“Those who created yesterday's pain do not control tomorrow's potential.”

▪ To be distracted by the past hinders progress in the future

“To be distracted by the past debilitates one's efforts in the present.”

John MacArthur

“Press toward” – Aggressive, energetic action

- Believers must not stalemate or plateau in their spiritual growth

“The mark for the prize” –

The goal - Christlikeness here

The prize – Christlikeness in heaven

“The high calling of God” – When God calls each believer to heaven and into His presence will be the moment of receiving the prize

4. The Caution of Momentum

When you are gaining momentum in your life, the likelihood of demonic oppression or attacks increase

5. Momentum Gained or Lost

Our choices either provide us with momentum or diminish us of momentum

- ⇒ Choices about how we spend our time
- ⇒ Choices of how we either respond or react
- ⇒ Choices about how we care for our bodies
- ⇒ Choices about the priority of God in our lives
- ⇒ Choices regarding obedience or disobedience to Him

“Our daily choices have consequences!”

“The future is that time when you'll wish you had done what you aren't doing now.”

An Example from a Quote:

“Failure to continue to walk in God's light, or failure to accept and use God-given opportunities can bring loss of the power of the Spirit.”