

HABITS THAT HELP ME HOLD ON IN HARD TIMES (CONTINUED)

Shaping Your Future Self – Part 5

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“You’ve accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now KEEP ON following him.”
Colossians 2:6 (CEV)

1. KEEP MY LIFE CLEAN

“If you KEEP YOURSELF pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you’ll be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.”
2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT)

2. KEEP MY EYES OPEN

“Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence.”
Psalm 105:4 (MSG)

3. KEEP _____

“You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.”
Isaiah 26:3 (TEV)

TENACITY: The ability to keep on when you feel like giving up!

RESILIENCE: The ability to bounce back when put down!

Focusing on God’s Purposes Will Produce Tenacity and Resilience:

“God’s plans ENDURE forever and his purposes LAST eternally.”
Psalm 33:11 (TEV)

God’s 5 Purposes for My Life:

1. He wants me to know him and love him (Worship)
2. He wants me to belong to his family (Fellowship)
3. He wants me to grow spiritually to be like Jesus (Discipleship)
4. He wants me to serve him by serving others (My Ministry)
5. He wants me to invite others to know him (My Witness)

“Give yourselves completely to God—every part of you. You want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes.”
Romans 6:13 (LB)

“David served God’s purpose in his own generation.” Acts 13:36a (NIV)

“Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62 (LB)

4. KEEP _____

“Always give thanks for everything to God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
Ephesians 5:20 (LB)

“Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ.”
1 Peter 3:15 (MSG)

“In all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.”
Philippians 4:6 (TEV)

“Never give up praying. Keep on being alert and keep being thankful!”
Colossians 4:2 (CEV)

WHY ARE WE GRATEFUL EVEN IN HARD TIMES

- **BECAUSE God will give us the strength to get through that hard time**

“God will strengthen you with his own great power. And you will not give up when trouble comes, but you will be patient. Then you will joyfully give thanks to the Father!”
Colossians 1:11-12 (ICB)

- **BECAUSE BAD TIMES cannot change God’s plan**

“Do you see what we’ve got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see HOW THANKFUL WE MUST BE? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God!”
Hebrews 12:28 (MSG)

- **BECAUSE our lives being changed by God**

“All of us ... can reflect the glory of the Lord. As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more LIKE HIM and we reflect his glory even more!”
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a BRAND NEW person inside. He is NOT THE SAME ANYMORE! A new life has begun!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (LB)

This is what happens in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; and when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! That’s what baptism into the life of Jesus means!”
Romans 6:3 (MSG)

“Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. The moment he came out of the water, the sky split open and God’s Spirit, looking like a dove, came down on him.”
Mark 1:9-10 (MSG)

Just Do It Today

“As they traveled in the chariot the Ethiopian said to Philip, ‘Hey look! Here’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized NOW?’ So they stopped, both went into the water, and Philip baptized him on the spot!”
Acts 8:36-38

1. my purpose firm 2. my heart grateful

在艱難日子幫助我堅持下去的習慣 (續)

塑造未來的自己 – 第五部

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「你們既然接受了基督耶穌為你們的主，就要堅持跟從他。」

歌羅西書 2:6 (新普及譯本/意譯)

1. 保持我的生命潔淨

「你如果潔身自愛，就會成為有尊貴用途的特殊器皿；你的生命將是潔淨的，你也會準備好被主人使用，去做各樣美善的事。」

提摩太後書 2:21 (新普及譯本)

2. 保持我的眼睛睜開

「要睜開眼睛尋找上帝，察看他的作為，要警覺祂同在的跡象。」

詩篇 105:4 (意譯)

3. 保持我的_____

「你要使所有保持目的堅定和專心仰望你的人全然平安！」

以賽亞書 26:3 (新普及譯本/意譯)

堅毅是指在你想放棄時，繼續堅持下去的能力

韌力是指當你被打倒時反彈的能力

專注於上帝對你人生的目的，會培育出堅毅和韌力：

「但上主的計劃永遠堅立，他的心意永不動搖。」 詩篇 33:11 (新普及譯本)

上帝對我人生的五個目的

第一，上帝要我認識和愛祂 (敬拜)

第二，祂希望我屬於祂的家庭 (團契相交)

第三，祂希望我的靈性像耶穌一樣成長 (門徒訓練)

第四，祂希望我透過服侍他人來服侍祂 (事工)

第五，祂要我邀請別人認識祂 (見證)

「你們應該把自己完全獻給上帝...所以你們要用整個身體作行正直事的工具，好榮耀上帝。」 羅馬書 6:13 (新普及譯本)

「大衛在自己的世代遵行了神的旨意，就睡了。」

使徒行傳 13:36 (新漢語譯本)

「手扶着犁又回頭看的人，不適合上帝的國。」 路加福音 9:62 (新普及譯本)

4. 保持我的_____

「並要為所有的事，奉我們主耶穌基督的名感謝上帝。」

以弗所書 5:20 (新普及譯本)

「無論任何境遇，只要敬拜基督，以他為你們生命的主。」

彼得前書 3:15 (新普及譯本/意譯)

「應當一無掛慮，只要凡事藉著禱告、祈求，和感謝，將你們所要的告訴神。」

腓立比書 4:6 (和合本)

「你們禱告要恆切，且要警醒，對上帝存感謝的心。」

歌羅西書 4:2 (現代中文譯本)

我們為何即使在艱難時期依然感恩呢？

● 因為上帝會賜給我們力量渡過艱難時期

「...上帝用祂榮耀的大能使你們更加堅固，以致你們具備所需要的堅毅和忍耐。願你們滿懷喜樂，常常感謝父。」 歌羅西書 1:11-12 (新普及譯本)

● 因為逆境不能改變上帝的計劃

「既然我們得到的是一個不能被震動的國，就讓我們懷着虔誠敬畏的心敬拜上帝，向祂感恩，討祂喜悅。」 希伯來書 12:28 (新普及譯本)

● 因為我們的生命被上帝改變

「我們所有人都能反映主的榮耀。當主的靈在我們裏面運行，我們變得越來越像祂，越來越反映主的榮耀。」 哥林多後書 3:18 (新普及譯本/意譯)

「凡屬基督的人都已經成為新人，舊生命過去了，新生命已經開始！」

哥林多後書 5:17 (新普及譯本)

「這就是浸禮的表徵。當我們浸入水裏，象徵我們離開舊有罪惡國度。當我們從水裏上來，象徵我們進入新的恩典國度，在新土地上的新生活。這就是受浸歸入耶穌生命的意義！」 羅馬書 6:3 (意譯)

「...約翰在約旦河裏為他 (耶穌) 施洗。耶穌從水裏一上來，就看見天裂開了，聖靈像鴿子般降在他身上。」 馬可福音 1:9-10 (新普及譯本)

現在就去做吧！

他們向前走着...太監說：「看啊！這裏有水！我在這裏受洗，又有何妨呢？」於是祂吩咐停車，二人一同來到水中，腓利就為祂施洗。」

使徒行傳 8:36-38 (新普及譯本)

1. 目的堅定 2. 心靈感恩