

**What can we do when problems arise?
What about determination and Limitations?**

**Part 2
(PDF File only)**

1. Our temptation in facing limitations is to play the comparison game.
2. Nothing destroys our contentment and peace, quicker than comparing ourselves to others.

2 Corinthians 10:12

12 For we dare not class ourselves or **compare ourselves** with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and **comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.** NKJV

3. This next verse wipes out the comparing temptation.

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility **count others better than yourselves.**

4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. RSV

Jeremiah 29:11

11 **For I know** the thoughts and plans that I have for you, **says the Lord**, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, **to give you hope** in your final outcome. (AMP)

4. When my children were young, I applied verse 3.
5. I did this when they did not get along.

6. If I had compared myself in any area I mentioned in part 1 audio teaching, there would be no advancement today.

- Website
- Videos
- Drums
- Teachings
- Typing

7. **For you maybe:**

- Cooking
- Finances
- Mechanical things
- Studying God's word
- Husband
- Father
- Wife
- Mother
- Parenting

8. The one-character quality that brings me through my limitations is determination.

9. However, the value of what I am doing needs to be very high.

10. If the value is high enough, we will all have the determination to do what we need to do no matter what the limitations.

11. Key character quality today is Determination.

Determination vs. Faintheartedness

“Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time - regardless of the opposition.” *(IBLP)

2 Timothy 4:7-8

7 I have **fought** the good fight, I have **finished** the race, I have **kept** the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (NKJV)

12. God's determination in me has turned many limitations into ashes. I mentioned in part 1 audio teaching.

13. Therefore, we have three key words thus far:

- (1) Problems
- (2) Limitations
- (3) Determination

14. Limitations, setbacks, and problems are a real fact in life.

15. This next statement is very important.

16. When we finally realize our limitations and handicaps, we then possess the ability for a real breakthrough.

17. I experience this myself. (Breakthroughs)

18. I am free because I understand what I can and cannot do.

19. Many times, we do not put limitations in our lives.

20. Somebody else puts them on us and we accept them.

- You can't do it.
- You won't do it.
- You'll never amount to anything.
- You're just like your father or mother.
- You can't be anything without me.
- You owe me this.
- You never will graduate.
- You can't leave me.

21. When asked about her success and the limitations she faced, Lucille Ball said, "Knowing what you cannot do, may be more important than knowing what you can do."

22. Knowing what you cannot do may keep you from investing a lot of time and energy into something that's not going to go anywhere.

23. It is sometimes better to accept your losses and change course, than it is to continue to pour resources down the drain.

24. Fred Smith said "A problem is something you can do something about.

25. A fact of life is something you can do nothing about.

26. There are at least four limitations which are facts of life that all of us need to face.

(1) There are the limitations of our gifts.

- We do not have all the spiritual gifts and talents.
- Nor do we all have the same ones.
- Nothing is going to change this. It is why we are the body of Christ; we need each other to become all God wants us to be.

(2) There are the limitations of our resources.

- We can't have it all.

(3) There are financial limitations we must accept until they change.

- Simply asking God for a million dollars is not the answer to pay our bills.
- We need to live within the resources God has provided us at this time and seek God for ways to increase them.
- There will always be those with a better financial picture than us whether it's fair or not.

(4) The fourth is the limitations in relationships.

- We cannot please everybody and can't make everybody happy.
- None of us can make anybody love us.
- Some people are going to reject us no matter what we do.

27. Now if we cannot accept these four limitations as facts of life, we are going to become very frustrated, envious, and bitter people.
28. That is not what God has in mind for us.
29. There are some limitations, which will be there for a lifetime, but God gives us the victory over them.
30. All of us face limitations, but we need not be limited because God still has a call, a plan, and a purpose for our lives. (Jeremiah 29:11)
31. Look not at your limitations, but to Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

2 Looking unto Jesus 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. (KJV)

32. Personally, I work with what I have rather than complain about what I do not have.
33. Personally, I work on what I can do rather than complain about what I cannot do.
34. Therefore, let us deal strictly with what we can change.
35. In other words what we can do.
36. What could be our first step for change?
37. Our first step is to be humble.
38. If we would just humble ourselves before God, the following will take place.

James 4:6 (More grace)

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "**God resists the proud, But gives grace^{#5485} to the humble.**" NKJV

James 4:10 (Lifted up)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, **and He will lift you up.** NKJV

39. When we are lifted up, we can move forward.
40. Forward to change.

41. There are many shades of meaning to this word “grace”.

42. Consider the following. Through my research I believe the grace of God is the **desire** and **power** to do His will.

Philippians 2:13

“For it is God Himself whose power creates within you both the **desire** and the **power** to execute His gracious will” **Wey** (*Richard Francis Weymouth*)

43. Greek definition for, G5485 “Grace”:

English Words used in KJV:

grace 130

favour 6

thanks 4

thank 4

thank + <G2192> 3

pleasure 2

miscellaneous translations 7

[Total Count: 156]

from <G5463> (chairō); *graciousness* (as *gratifying*), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially **the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude**) :- acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

44. Therefore, if anyone needs more (Grace) desire and power they need to be humble.

45. Keep in mind that those who fail to obtain the grace of God causes a root problem in their life.

46. Root means source or cause.

Hebrews 12:15-17 (Seed first then the root)

15 See to it that no one fail to obtain the **grace**^{#5485} of God; that no "**root of bitterness**" spring up and cause trouble, and by it the many become defiled;

16 that no one be immoral or irreligious like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

17 For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. RSV

47. Many times, the root problems in a person's life are hidden.

48. However, if we are humble God will manifest the desire and power (His grace) to overcome the root problems in our life.

49. Consider this verse.

1 Corinthians 15:10-11

But by the **grace**^{#5485} of God **I am what I am**, and His **grace**^{#5485} toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, **yet not I**, but the **grace**^{#5485} of God which was with me.
11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. NKJV

50. Faith statement, "By the grace of God I am who I am and His grace toward me is not in vain."

51. What I am is an overcomer.

52. What we are overcomers.

Revelation 2:7

To him who **overcomes** I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." NKJV

Revelation 2:11

He who **overcomes** shall not be hurt by the second death." NKJV

Revelation 2:17

To him who **overcomes** I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." NKJV

Revelation 2:26-28

26 And he who **overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —

27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' — as I also have received from My Father;

28 and I will give him the morning star. NKJV

Revelation 3:5

5 He who **overcomes** shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. NKJV

Revelation 3:12

12 He who **overcomes**, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. NKJV

Revelation 3:21

21 To him who **overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. NKJV

Revelation 21:6

7 He who **overcomes** shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. NKJV

53. If anyone desires to be like Jesus it will be by God's grace, the desire and power to do His will.

54. Part of His will is to be like His Son.

55. Remember more grace comes by being humble.

56. Key points: Humble, grace, change.

57. Therefore, what can we do?

58. I have already mentioned being humble.

59. Let us go further.

60. How can we fix our personal problems?

61. But first notice how many times I use the word "fix"?

62. It is in my charisma gift to fix personal spiritual problems in the life of a believer.

63. Bottom line, I use my charisma gift to cause a person's life to function properly. (Like an oiled machine)

Romans 12:6-8

Having then gifts differing according to the **grace**^{#5485} that is given to us, **let us use them:** if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; **he who leads, with diligence;** he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. NKJV

1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each has received a **gift**^{#5486}, **employ it for one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

11 whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. RSV

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