

Living Up to Your Potential

*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus –
Philippians 3:14*

We talk about a person living up to their potential but what does potential mean in a world that views achievement as athletic accomplishment, celebrity status, and economic success? If we measure our potential by the world's standards of fame and fortune, there isn't much hope for the average person to arrive at their potential.

Most of our life is spent doing mundane tasks. Our days are filled with trying to meet our routine responsibilities for existence. Most of us never get a chance for extraordinary achievements. We pay our bills, wash our clothes, mow our lawns, and prepare meals. We may wonder what is our potential.

Living up to one's potential really has little to do with the world's view of greatness; instead it has all to do with faithfully accomplishing the tasks of each day. It has to do with the way we go about each day—consecrating every moment to the glory of the Lord.

God gives us each tasks to do and He expects us to do them to the best of our ability. Ecclesiastes 9:10a states, *“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.”*

As we look at each day, let us be diligent to do and to say that which will honor God. Let us live so that others will know that we have the high calling of God on our lives. Not because our accomplishments are greater than others, but because our attitude and ethics set us apart.

How do you live up to your potential? *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.”—Colossians 3:17*