

MOVING UP HIGHER



Determination is a must

God is the Chief of Change. He is always doing a new thing, always working in our lives.

However, His promises for us don't just automatically happen.

There are some things that can hinder us from moving forward in life. One is an old mindset.

Mark 2:22 says "no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the bottles destroyed; but new wine is to be put in new wineskins" (AMP).

In other words, your mind needs to be renewed.

You need a fresh new out-

look based on God's Word and His promises. Knowing God's will for your life will help you in your determination to keep moving.

Now when you decide to move forward, be prepared because you will be opposed. The enemy will not make it easy for you to do God's will. It will be up to you to stay determined and keep pressing on.

One of the tactics of the enemy is to lie to you. For example, he may tell you, "It's too late."

You may be thinking of going back to school after many years. Or maybe you need to make up for some past mistakes.

It's not too late. You might have had a big dream at one time that you

never fulfilled.

It's never too late for you to follow your passion. Don't believe Satan's lies. You can always begin again.

One word of caution: Don't start if you aren't determined to finish. The reason I say this is because the enemy certainly won't stop fighting your advancement. He is determined to stop you, so you must be unwavering about moving forward.

What if I had given up when I felt that rejection? I would not be fulfilling God's call on my life today — and I would be miserable, because this is my passion.

Have you asked God to use you? If you are feeling a real passion to do something that aids or brings peace and encouragement to other people, it's very likely that it is from God.

And if you don't do it, you will probably live a frustrated life.

Also as you move forward, beware: The devil wants to set you up to get upset. That is another part of his strategy to stop you from making progress.

He will use people to distract you, criticize you, or outright reject you. And if that doesn't stop you, he will likely attack other areas of

your life to try and discourage you.

Just remember: Greater is He that is in you. (See I John 4:4.)

You have all you need, through Christ, to endure and outlast the devil.

As you press in and press on, don't look at yourself. Look at God. Ignore others' criticism and unbelief and follow your God-given dream.

Be determined to press past every lie of the enemy, every discouragement, and even rejection from others.

Whatever you do, just keep moving. When you feel disheartened, keep moving. When others condemn you, keep moving. Determination is a must.

Take a lesson from David who was anointed 20 years before he became king (see I Samuel 17). He endured and overcame many obstacles in the meantime, including a bear, a lion and a giant.

Like David, don't be afraid to face your enemy.

Remember the things God has brought you through before and talk about your past victories, knowing that He is with you now.

As long as you lean on, trust in and depend on God, it will never be too late for your victory.

UU to discuss French Revolution's roots

The Rev. Ruth Miller will lead the worship service this Sunday, July 12, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

The title of Miller's talk is "Religious Roots of the French Revolution."

"Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité" was the great shout of the students and workers in the streets of Paris almost 225 years ago.

Where did they get those ideas?

Why do those ideas

matter to us?

Miller will address these questions and more.

The UU Fellowship Hall is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road.

FUUF is wheelchair accessible and each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each service.

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org or call 541-997-2840.

Soup's On to discuss needs of others Monday

Monday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group with diverse backgrounds who like to discuss some of life's big questions.

This week's subject will be "The Needs of Others."

Bahá'u'lláh said, "Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and center your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements."

The evening will begin with bowls of cheddar cheese

soup, fruit, homemade warm bread and vegetables.

Then follows the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the prayer pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

The discussion will take place at the home of James Heintz, 875 Seventh St. in Florence.

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