



I will be a faithful servant when I...

1. Open my eyes

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)

2. Embrace my purpose

- Purpose of a servant: TO PLEASE MY MASTER!

¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ...²¹ His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

Matthew 25:16, 21a (NIV)

¹⁰ ...find out what pleases the Lord. ...¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Ephesians 5:10, 17 (NIV)

3. Transform my weaknesses

So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground.

Matthew 25:25 (NIV)

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is— his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2 (NIV)***

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

4. Take regular risks

*After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. **Matthew 25:19 (NIV)***

*But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. **Luke 8:15 (NIV)***

*Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **James 1:4 (NIV)***

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