

STARTING LINE Part 1: "Getting Better at Getting Started"

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"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand." Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

GETTING BETTER AT GETTING STARTED MEANS THAT I STOP...

1. ... GETTING _____ BY HOW MUCH IT TAKES TO

"Every time you find work to do, <u>do it the best</u> <u>you can</u>. In the grave there is no work. There is no thinking, no knowledge, and there is no wisdom. And we are all going to the place of death."

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (ERV)

"If you <u>work hard</u>, you will have <u>plenty</u>. If you do <u>nothing but talk</u>, you will not have enough." Proverbs 14:23 (ERV)

2. ... HOLDING ONTO THE ______ KEEPING ME FROM STARTING . "You were taught to leave your <u>old self</u>—to stop living the evil way you lived before. That <u>old self becomes worse</u>, because people are fooled by the evil things they want to do. But you were taught to <u>be made new</u> in your hearts, to become <u>a new person</u>. That <u>new</u> <u>person is made to be like God</u>—made to be truly good and holy."

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NCV)

3. ... UNDERESTIMATING THE ______ OF JUST ______

"There are some things you can be sure of. If clouds are full of rain, they will pour water on the earth. If a tree falls—to the south or to the north—then it will stay where it falls. But there are some things that you <u>cannot be</u> <u>sure of.</u> You <u>must take a chance</u>. If you <u>wait</u> for perfect weather, you will <u>never plant</u> your seeds. If you are <u>afraid</u> that every cloud will bring rain, you will <u>never harvest</u> your crops." **Ecclesiastes 11:3-4** (ERV)

"Sow your seed <u>in the morning</u> and do not be idle with your hands <u>in the evening</u>, for <u>you do</u> <u>not know</u> whether morning or evening planting <u>will succeed</u>, whether this or that, or whether both alike will be good."

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (AMP)