

STARTING LINE

Part 2: "Winning Off the Blocks"

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I'M MAKING MY FIRST STEPS "OFF THE BLOCKS" MATTER MOST BY...

1. ... MY MY AS MY FIRST PRIORITY.

"If you <u>decide</u> that it's a bad thing to worship God, then <u>choose</u> a god you'd rather serve—and do it today. <u>Choose</u> one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you're now living. <u>As for me</u> and <u>my family</u>, we'll worship God."

Joshua 24:15 (MSG)

"So do not consume yourselves with questions: What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear? Outsiders make themselves frantic over such questions; they don't realize that your heavenly Father knows exactly what you need. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then all these things will be given to you too. So do not worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow worry about itself. Living faithfully is a large enough task for today."

Matthew 6:31-34 (TVB)

"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

2.		THE	
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"Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete."

Romans 12:2 (TVB)

"Blessed are those who are spiritually needy. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Blessed are those who are sad. They will be comforted. Blessed are those who are humble. They will be given the earth. Blessed are those who are hungry and thirsty for what is right. They will be filled. Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy. Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God. Blessed are those who make peace. They will be called children of God. Blessed are those who suffer for doing what is right. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them. Blessed are you when people make fun of you and hurt you because of me. You are also blessed when they tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. Be joyful and glad. Your reward in heaven is great. In the same

way, people hurt the prophets who lived long ago."

Matthew 5:3-12 (NIRV)

3.	PLANTING		THAT WILL	
		WITH ME.		

"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."

Ephesians 3:18-20 (NLT)

"Enlarge your house. You are going to need a bigger place; don't underestimate the amount of room that you'll need. So build, build, build. You will increase in every direction to fill the world. Your offspring will take over the nations; Your people will revitalize long-abandoned towns."

Isaiah 54:2-3 (TVB)