

**FAILURE - WHEN  
YOUR BEST JUST  
ISN'T GOOD  
ENOUGH.**

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It is not enough to simply  
"do your best". You must  
strive for perfection.

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Doing your best means  
never stop trying.

Benjamin Franklin

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**“IF YOU TRY TO DO YOUR BEST THERE IS NO  
FAILURE.”**

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I'm not  
the best,  
but I'm  
trying  
my best.

## Psalm 39:5-6

**5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth;  
and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man  
at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.**

**6 Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they  
are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and  
knoweth not who shall gather them.**

## **Jeremiah 9:23-24**

**23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:**

**24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**

# **Knowing God Is The Only Way To Start To Be Your Best**

**I John 4:4**

**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

**Following God Is The Only Way To Be Your Best**

**Luke 6:47-48**

**47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:**

**48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.**

**HOW TO BE  
YOUR BEST SELF**

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## A. Do not be a counterfeit



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**B. We must be honest with God, ourselves, and others**

**1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**

**21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

**22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

## **II. Be Gracious**

**Ephesians 4:32**

**And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

**A. We need to be gracious to all**

**Philippians 4:23**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

**Amen.**

**Colossians 4:6**

**Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**

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**B. Brings God's approval and brings us to be our best  
Galatians 5:22-23**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

**23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

### **III. Be Generous**

**Luke 6:38**

**Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.**

**A. Remember what Jesus gives to us**

**Ephesians 5:2**

**And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

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**B. The Lord loves a cheerful giver**

**2 Corinthians 9:7**

**Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**

## **IV. Be Gallant**

**Ephesians 3:12**

**In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.**

**A. Courage is needed for one to be at one's best**

**Judges 6:12**

**And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.**

**B. We need boldness to witness and share the Gospel**

**Proverbs 28:1**

**The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.**

# **V. Be Grateful**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

**A. When we show appreciation to others, they receive a blessing and our self-esteem is lifted.**

### **Philippians 1:3-5**

**3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

**4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,**

**5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;**

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**B. We should be thankful to God for His sacrifice and salvation.**

**Psalm 100:4**

**Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.**

**The more grateful we are to Him, the greater He is to us.**

ARE WE OUR BEST  
SELF?