

Play What You Practice

Proverbs 12:11 (NKJV) He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread, But he who follows frivolity *is* devoid of understanding.

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV) ³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1. Consistency:

- a. Consistency is the foundation of growth and improvement in any skill.
- b. **Philippians 4:9 (NKJV)** The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.
- c. Consistency will develop muscle memory and technique.
 - i. Committing to regular reading of the word and to prayer, will develop the ability to enter into a deeper understanding/relationship with our Savior, which gives us the ability/confidence needed to fight against the wiles of the devil.
- d. **1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- e. Consistency in prayer, Bible study, attending church, and serving others helps to keep a Christian grounded and focused on their spiritual journey.
- f. **Proverbs 4:25 (NKJV)** Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.

2. Mastery: (Must be Intentional)

- a. Playing what you practice allows you to master the material you are working on.
- b. **Proverbs 22:29 (NKJV)** Do you see a man *who* excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown *men*.
- c. It involves striving to become more like Christ in all aspects of life.
- d. **Colossians 3:23–24 (NKJV)** ²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
- e. WE must practice our faith:
 - i. **James 2:18 (NKJV)** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- f. **2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- g. Be intentional in our Christian Walk.
- h. **Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)** ²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

3. Confidence:

- a. Confidence is the fruit of consistency and mastery.
- b. **Psalms 118:6 (NKJV)** The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
- c. Confidence will be cultivated through HIS strengths and gifts and not our own.
- d. **2 Corinthians 3:4–5 (NKJV)** ⁴ And we have such trust through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God,
- e. **Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- f. **1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV)** ¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.