

The Balancing Act

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“Remember Who You Are”

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

– Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

The Balance Between Dust and Divinity, Arrogance and Pity

**The process of learning to be both confident
and humble:**

Learning to be Steadfast

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

– James 1:2-4 (ESV)

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 3:12-14 (ESV)

Learning to be Dependent

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

– Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

Let us consider how to inspire each other to greater love and to righteous deeds, not forgetting to gather as a community, as some have forgotten, but encouraging each other, especially as the day **of His return** approaches.

– Hebrews 10:24-25 (Voice)

Learning to be Royalty

For your sake, I (Jesus) will not be silent. For your sake, I will not rest until you are a bright light of hope because you have been made right before God until your salvation is like a consuming fire, a righteous fire that will be seen by every nation and every king. You will no longer be bound to who you used to be; for I will give you a new name straight from the very mouth of God. You shall be a diamond in the hand of the Lord. Yes, a royal crown in the hands of God. No longer will you be abandoned, forsaken, or neglected; no longer will your life be desolate or wasted. For you shall be called my good pleasure, for the Lord delights in you. In my Kingdom, you will dwell.

– Isaiah 62:1-4 (WHV)