

HABITS THAT HELP ME HOLD ON IN HARD TIMES

PART 2

Shaping Your Future Self
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*"You've accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now **KEEP ON** following him."*
Colossians 2:6 (CEV)

1. KEEP MY LIFE CLEAN!

*"If you **keep yourself pure**, you will be a tool God can use for his **purpose**. Your life will be clean, and you'll be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."*
2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT)

2. KEEP MY EYES OPEN!

*"**Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence.**"*
Psalm 105:4 (The Message)

3. KEEP _____

*"You, Lord, give **perfect peace** to those **who keep their PURPOSE firm** and put their trust in you." Isaiah 26:3 (GNT)*

TENACITY: The ability to keep on when you feel like giving up!

RESILIENCE: The ability to bounce back when put down

Focusing on God's Purposes Will Produce Tenacity and Resilience

*"God's plans **ENDURE** forever and his purposes **LAST** eternally." Psalm 33:11 (GNT)*

God's 5 Purposes for My Life

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| 1. He wants me to know him and love him | (Worship) |
| 2. He wants me to belong to his family | (Fellowship) |
| 3. He wants me to grow spiritually to be like Jesus | (Discipleship) |
| 4. He wants me to serve him by serving others | (My Ministry) |
| 5. He wants me to invite others to know him | (My Witness) |

*"Give yourselves **completely** to God—every part of you. You want to be tools in the hands of God, **used for his GOOD PURPOSES.**"* Romans 6:13 (TLB)

*"David served **God's purpose** in **his generation.**"* Acts 13:36 (NIV)

*"Anyone who lets himself be **distracted from the work** I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God." Luke 9:62 (TLB)*

4. KEEP _____

*"**Always give thanks for everything** to God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20 (TLB)*

*"**Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration** before Christ."*
1 Peter 3:15 (The Message)

*"In all your prayers **ask God for what you need**, always asking him **with a thankful heart.**"* Philippians 4:6 (GNT)

*"Keep on **praying, keep on being alert, and keep on being grateful!**"*
Colossians 4:2 (CEV)

WHY ARE WE GRATEFUL EVEN IN HARD TIMES?

• BECAUSE _____

*"God will **strengthen you** with his own great power. And you will **not give up when trouble comes**, but you will be patient. Then you will joyfully **give thanks to the Father!**"*
Colossians 1:11-12 (ICB)

• BECAUSE BAD TIMES _____

*"Do you see what we've got? An **unshakable kingdom!** And do you see **HOW THANKFUL WE MUST BE?** Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God!" Hebrews 12:28 (The Message)*

• BECAUSE _____

*"All of us . . . can reflect the glory of the Lord. As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we **become more and more LIKE HIM** and we reflect his glory even more!"*
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

*"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **BRAND NEW** person inside. He is **NOT THE SAME ANYMORE!** A new life has begun!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

*"**This is what happens in baptism.** When **we went under the water**, we left the old country of sin behind; **and when we came up out of the water**, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means!"* Romans 6:3 (The Message)

*"Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River. **The moment he came out of the water**, the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, came down on him."*
Mark 1:9-10 (The Message)

Just Do It Today

*"As they traveled in the chariot the Ethiopian said to Philip, 'Hey look! Here's some water! Why can't I be baptized NOW?' So they stopped, both went into the water, and Philip baptized him **on the spot!**"* Acts 8:36-38