

# Growing to My Maximum Potential

## Three Reasons Why You Are Important to God

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- B. What you cost — Jesus Christ gave His life for your salvation.
- C. What you can become — The Holy Spirit can give you power to reach your potential.

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## Principles to Help You Reach Your Potential

### 1. Concentrate on one main goal. (Philippians 3:12,13)

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But he who seeks all things wherever he goes  
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### Goal-Setting Advice

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#### B. Decide What You're Willing to Pay For It.

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#### C. Go For It!

### 2. Concentrate on continual improvement. (vs. 12-14)

*Observations:*

- a) I am not what I want to be.
- b) I am not quitting.
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### 3. Forget the Past. (Philippians 3:13)

*Things we should let go from yesterday:*

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  - b) Past failures.
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### 4. Focus on the Future. (Philippians 3:14)

*Facts about the future:*

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