



## THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UNASHAMED

*(found tacked to the wall of a young pastor in Zimbabwe)*

*I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His. I will not look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.*

*My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight-walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals.*

*I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotion, or popularity. I do not have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer, and labor by power.*

*My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven. My road is narrow, my way rough, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not give up, shut up, or let up. I will go on until He comes, and work until He stops me.*

***I am a disciple of Jesus Christ."***

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"Resolved: To follow God with all my heart. Resolved also: Whether others do or not, I will." (Jonathan Edwards - 1703-1758)

"For many of us the great danger is not that we will renounce our faith. It is that we will become so busy and distracted and rushed that we will settle for a mediocre version of it." (John Ortberg)

"Yes, **everything else is worthless when compared** with the **infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For his sake I have **discarded everything else**, counting it all **as garbage**, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him... **I want to know Christ** and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death..." (Philippians 3:8,10 NLT)

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But **I press on** to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but **I focus on this one thing**: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **I press on** to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." (Philippians 3:12-14 NLT)

"However, **I consider my life worth nothing to me**, if only I may **finish the race** and **complete the task** the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." (Acts 20:24 NIV)

"**No servant can serve two masters**. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and Money**." The Pharisees, **who loved money**, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones **who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight**." (Luke 16:13-15 NIV)

"They overcame him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
**they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death**." (Revelation 12:11 NIV)