I refuse to fail!

1. The word of God is my final authority

- a. I am not the final authority (I must repent)
- b. I will submit to and follow leadership in my life(always honoring, stop gossip and undermining)
- c. I must learn to appeal wisely to leaders (communication and conflict)

2. I will be humble and teachable

- a. my attitude will be like Christs'
- b. I will listen when corrected
- c. I will seek knowledge and wisdom

3. I am not a victim, I am an overcomer

- a. God will help me find solutions
- b. I will not focus on the problem

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4. My Identity is in Christ

- a. not my diagnosis, label, disability, or addiction
- b. I will memorize what the Bible says about me
- c. I will learn to be self aware of my strengths and weaknesses (personality profiles, behavior, temperaments, etc)

SCRIPTURE -

1. <u>Proverbs 3:5-6</u> 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.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

Heb 4: 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

2. Phil 2:5 - "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

Phil 4:8 - 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

3. Rom 8:37 - in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<u>Proverbs 16:3</u> Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

4. COL 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

EP 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Phil 4:13 -13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

1. Who gets the last word?

having no possibility for further discussion, action, or change; conclusive; decisive. a final decree of judgment.

ODD - a persistent pattern of arguing, defiance, and vindictiveness against authority figures could be a sign of **oppositional defiant disorder (ODD)**. ODD is a behavioral disorder that results in defiance against authority. It can affect a person's work, school, family and social life.

Causes? - **Environment** — problems with parents that may involve a lack of supervision, inconsistent or harsh discipline, or abuse or neglect

2. Insecurity – causes a PRIDE of "know it all" and defensive posture.

The kind of childhood you had, past traumas, recent experiences of failure or rejection, loneliness, social anxiety, negative beliefs about yourself, perfectionism, or having a critical parent or partner can all contribute to insecurity.

3. Someone who seems to become a victim in nearly every situation.

It's possible they have a victim mentality, sometimes called victim syndrome or a victim complex. people who seem to wallow in negativity and force it upon others.

The victim mentality rests on three key beliefs:

- Bad things happen and will keep happening.
- Other people or circumstances are to blame.
- Any efforts to create change will fail, so there's no point in trying.

4. "When you know who you are, you know what to do."

"The more we focus on who we are in Christ, the less it matters who we were in the past, or even what happened to us."

"In a world full of cynics, critics, and competitors, we get to choose instead to be cheerleaders for others."