

# Until Then (Part 5)

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*Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.*  
(Heb. 12:12–14)

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22)*

*Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. (1 Cor. 9:25–27)*

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- Can I handle things that I once could not?

- Chuck Swindoll

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1. He wants to know where you have come from.
2. He wants to know the direction you are going.



“You may not be as far down the road of spiritual maturity as the person sitting next to you, but that’s O.K. – as long as you are moving forward.”

- Steve Brown

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Are you involved with other Christians in meaningful fellowship?