



familytalk
WEEK OF AUGUST 13-19, 2017
"No Greater Burden"

DAY 1: "No greater burden than a great potential!"

 **Read** – Philippians 3:10-16

 **Do** – What do you want to be when you grow up? What steps will you have to take to become that? (Special schooling, paying tuition, studying, etc.) Now, what is our goal as a Christian? To become like Jesus! What are some steps we take to become more like Him? It can seem like a pretty overwhelming goal to become like Jesus, who was perfect! But this week, we're going to talk about specific ways God gives us through Paul in Philippians to live a life of hope, knowing that God is going to make us into who we're supposed to be.

 **Pray** – Praise God that He is at work to make us more like Him.

DAY 2: "Don't fake it—have humility."

 **Read** – Philippians 1:6

 **Do** – How old are you? Do you think you're finished growing, or do you still have some growing to do? It would be silly to tell people you're finished growing if you're not an adult yet! In the same way, it's important to be honest and recognize that, as Christians, we still aren't "full-grown." Dr. Page defined "humility" as "the ability to see ourselves as God sees us and still love ourselves because God loves us."

 **Pray** – Thank God that, when He saved us, that was just the beginning of His work in our lives. He will keep working in us to make us more like Him!

DAY 3: "Don't force it—accept grace."

 **Read** – Philippians 3:12

 **Do** – Give your child a Hershey's kiss. Instruct them to unwrap it and hold it in their hand (fist closed) for two minutes. Explain to them that, as we try to become more like Christ, it can be easy to hold tightly to all *we* can do to become a "better Christian". But when we do, we just make a mess! (Have them open their hands and see the mess they've made!) Instead, God wants us to accept His grace and understand that we can accept our shortcomings because that's exactly what He's chosen to do for us!

 **Pray** – Thank God for His great grace (giving us something we don't deserve), and ask Him to help your family live a life based on that grace and not on what you can do for yourselves.

DAY 4: "Don't forget it—experience growth."

 **Read** – Philippians 3:13-15

 **Do** – Visit a garden center and buy a packet of seeds. Plant the seeds in a small pot somewhere visible, like on the windowsill, and talk about what you'll need to do to see your plant experience growth. What does it mean to grow as a Christian? What can your family do, in God's grace, to experience growth? Who do you know that is growing in their walk with the Lord?

 **Pray** – Ask God to bless your efforts to grow in your walk with Him. Pray for Collierville First Baptist Church to experience growth in Him!

