

Catalysts For Spiritual Growth

"Prayer"

Exodus 17:8-13

Introduction: To grow spiritually you have to learn to overcome obstacles

Specific problems Moses faced in Exodus chapters 17 and 18.

- People protesting over lack of water in the desert
- People being militarily attacked by the vicious Amalekites
- Poor customer service for the people in the desert

How do we overcome obstacles on the path to spiritual growth?

I. **Work** intelligently

3 smart elements of reworking work

- A. Seek **divine guidance**. Exodus 17:4-6
- B. Ignite **Self-determination**. Exodus 17:9
- C. Embrace **coaching wisdom**. Exodus 18:17-26

II. **Pray** persistently

3 elements of productive intercession

- A. Build up **consistency**. Exodus 17:11
- B. Create an **ecosystem** of prayer partners. Exodus 17:12
- C. Develop a **winning attitude** in prayer.
 - Confidence in the Name of Jesus. John 14:12-14
 - Confidence in personal discipline. Mark 9:25-29
 - Confidence in growing faith. Matthew 17:14-21