

# Make Every Effort

Introduction:

This morning talk about Make Every Effort - Mentioned 6 times in the New Testament.

III. Teenager - watching the first rocky movie. (Show clip)

"There is an enormous difference between growing old in the Lord and growing up in Him. One is automatic and requires no effort at all...just again. But the other is never automatic, or easy. It calls for personal discipline, continual determination, and spiritual desire. Churches are full of sleepy saints who are merely logging time in God's family."

Chuck Swindoll

"And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52

"Increased" (prokopten) means to advance or to keep cutting one's way forward as through a forest or jungle.

## Make Every Effort (6)

### 1. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE INTEGRITY

"**MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him"

2 Peter 3:14

### 2. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FORGIVE OTHERS

"**MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to live in peace with all men...see to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."

Heb 12:15

### 3. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RELAX AND TRUST GOD

"Anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. Let us, therefore, **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to enter God's rest.....Heb 4:11

### 4. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AN ENCOURAGER

“Let us **MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Romans 14:19

## **5. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE A PEACEMAKER**

“**MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Eph. 4:3

## **6. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP GROWING**

“**MAKE EVERY EFFORT** to add to your faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive....” 2 Peter 1:5-8

Ephesians 1:17 - 20 “ I **keep asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may **know him better**. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his **incomparably great power** for us who believe. That power is like the working of mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in heavenly realms.

Pray - God will give us strength