

***I'M 76 AND LIFE IS BETTER THAN EVER:  
HOW TO KEEP YOUR SPIRITUAL BATTERIES CHARGED UP  
FOR A LIFETIME OF MINISTRY***

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**INTRODUCTION:** My ministry story ... 1956 to 2010 ...  
Lot of opportunity for "burnout"

**I: PRACTICAL HINTS ON BALANCE IN MINISTRY**

1. Keep a good sense of humor in your life
2. Manage your time
3. Know where you are going
4. Keep your motives right
5. Always keep your perspective when criticized
6. Always focus on people and their needs
7. Forget about yesterday ...

**II: THE DANGER OF LOOKING BACK**

1. Looking at past victories can be dangerous
  - a) Samson – Judges 16:20
  - b) Disciples – Luke 10:17
2. Looking at past failures can be dangerous
  - a) Disciples – Luke 5:5-6
  - b) Peter's denial
3. Handling the present
  - a) Pressure of unanticipated responsibilities
  - b) Finances – Ministry and Personal
  - c) Counseling
  - d) Developing staff
  - e) Family – Personal life

- f) Unrealized goals
- g) Distractions

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Hindsight = Learning from your past
2. Foresight – Preparing for life’s battles
3. Insight = Saturate yourself with God’s Word