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Fearless Series!
“The Fear of Not Succeeding”
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A background image showing a city skyline at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of blue, purple, and pink. The city lights are visible along the horizon.

“For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.”

Psalm 75:6,7 (KJV)

1. God Promotes Faithfully Successful People:

“Those who gutted it out for years, have success,
then get the big promotion.”



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**A) Examples of God promoting
faithful/fruitful service:**

B) God Commands Us to Learn and get Wisdom:

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“Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, [11] for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.”

Proverbs 8:10-11 (NIV)



*“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but he who hates correction is stupid.”*

Proverbs 12:1 (NIV)

*“How much better to get wisdom than gold, to
choose understanding rather than silver!”*

Proverbs 16:16 (NIV)



**2. God Promotes those with
No Track Record of Success:**



Moses:

“Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” 11 So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?”

12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”13 But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.” 14 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, ...” Exodus 4:10-14 (NKJV)



Jephthah

“... fled from his brothers and dwelt in the land of Tob; and worthless men banded together with Jephthah and went out raiding with him.” Judges 11:3 (NKJV)

Samson

“And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men ...”? Judges 15:15 (KJV)

“Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn’t know his way around. 8 And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! 9 Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?” 1 Kings 3:7-9 (NLT)



*“But Amos replied, “I’m not a professional prophet,
and I was never trained to be one. I’m just a
shepherd, and I take care of sycamore-fig trees.”*

Amos 7:14 (NLT)

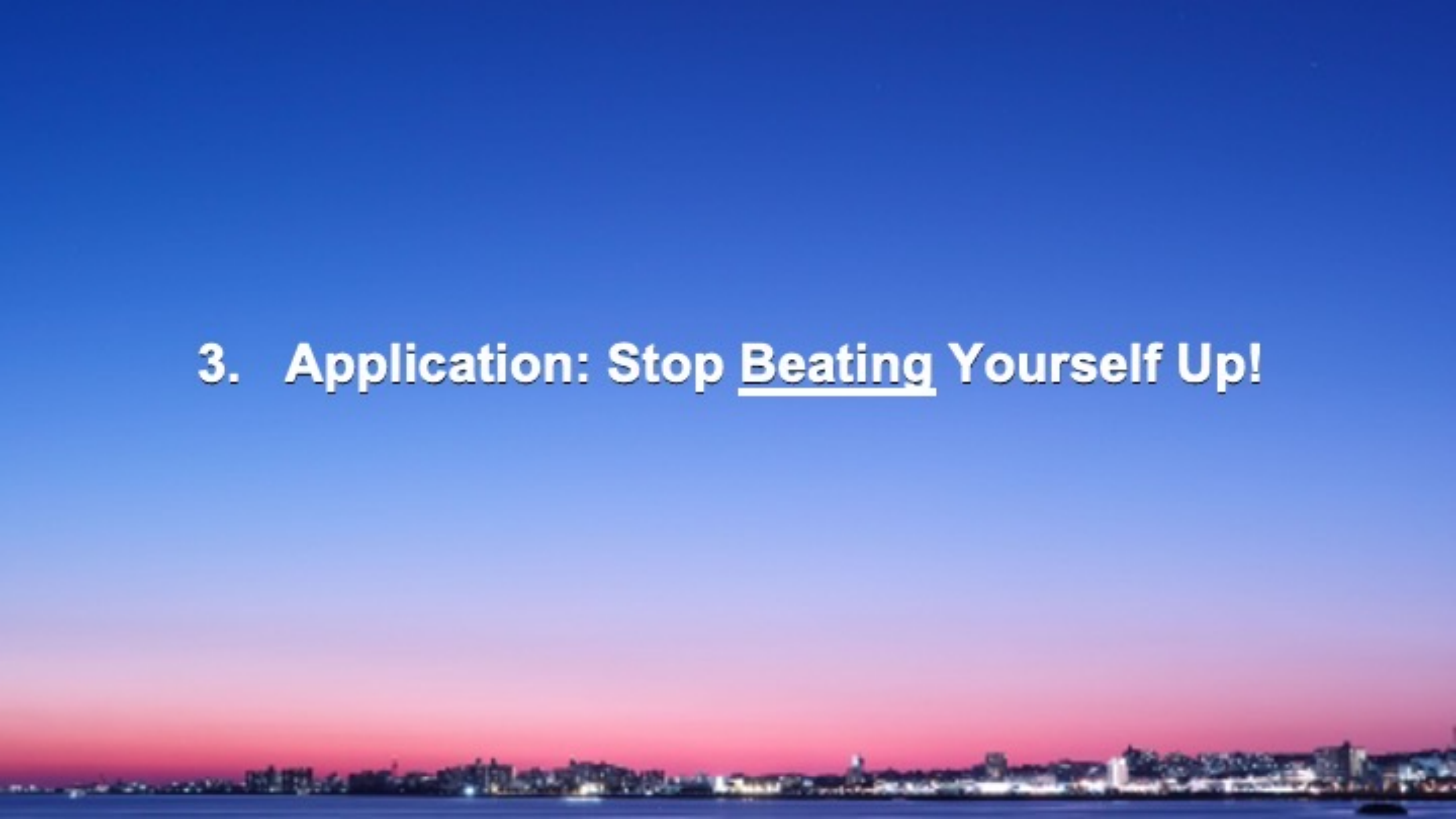


“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)



O.T. = About 85
N.T. = About 30
Total: 115 to 4 people. = 97%



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3. Application: Stop Beating Yourself Up!

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

*“Who are you to judge another’s servant?
To his own master he stands or falls.
Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is
able to make him stand.” Romans 14:4
(NKJV)*

*“Therefore let us not judge one another
anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a
stumbling block or a cause to fall in our
brother’s way.” Romans 14:13 (NKJV)*

***God promises to guide you
into His Plan for Your Life!***

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“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

*“For His eyes are on the ways of man, And
He sees all his steps.” Job 34:21 (NKJV)*

*“The steps of a good man are ordered by
the Lord, And He delights in his way.”
Psalm 37:23 (NKJV)*

“A man’s heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

“The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?”
Proverbs 20:24 (NLT)