

There is a 789 Grace Place

There are 9, and only 9, possible major “quadrants” of life – 3 of which we choose as our life’s “address.” These are the REALLY important building blocks of life on which everything else depends! These 9 possibilities are presented in the blocks below – the convergence of the Physical, Mental and Spiritual with the “quality” level, of each, we choose – Declining, Existing or Building/Improving.

Sadly, most people have chosen, as their life’s address, to live in columns 1 or 2 – Declining or Existing.

	Declining	Existing	Building/Improving		
realm of →	devil	World	God		
exhibited by →	Inertia	Busyness	Disciplines of challenging <small>James 1:2 -3</small>		
feelings of →	Confusion	Futility	Accomplishment		
					
				Further ↓ Reading ↓	
Physical	Deny aging and the possibility of fighting it	Dieting. Exercise 20 minutes - 3 times a week	1 minute a day - times your age - 6 days a week	«– rest	chatauquareflections.com <i>Health Over 50</i>
Mental	Re•tire	Watching news on TV, reading newspapers and similar mindless drivel	Using new technology to serve and save time and money for what is really important in life	«– think	sayitjustonce.com <i>The Three Cs</i>
Spiritual	Developing and depending on a personally developed religion and god	Doing as much as time allows <small>which is usually very little</small>	Repenting - resting - quietness - trust <small>Isaiah 30:15</small>	«– humility	chatauquareflections.com

↑ 9 Key Options in Life ↑

↑ crucial discipline

Someone might wonder why, if the Spiritual is so important, it is listed after Physical and Mental in the above diagram. The reason is that the Physical and Mental are crucial foundations of a person's Spiritual condition – you can't ignore them without seriously jeopardizing any Spiritual progress. In the same way, "rest" listed as an essential Physical discipline may also perplex people – but it, likewise, shouldn't because it is foundational to your Physical condition. We can't overlook the "mundane" vital requirements in our effort to accomplish larger objectives!

Even though it takes a little effort to move from Declining to Existing, many will give a little thought and exert a little energy (at least from time to time) to mitigate their physical, mental or spiritual decline – not, mind you, all at one time – they take a hit and miss approach when they feel guilty, embarrassed, or confused about their declining condition (think going to a class reunion!). But seldom is there a sustained, consistent, effort. Then, to make matters worse, they later fall trap to the re-tirement mentality, giving in to a rapid decline. They have been told there is nothing they can do – that is a BIG lie!

A little effort will slow a physical, mental or spiritual decline measurably – a little more will replace the decline with actual improvement! And, while there is not a lot of effort required, there is usually much grace involved. That is why it is best to "camp" at



"Where is far and away the number one way of measuring success: money and possessions?" someone may ask. This is the primary way most people measure success. Yet, it is not even worthy of being on the chart! Because, when this is your god, all else must bow to serve it. Or as the Bible makes clear:

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Matthew 6:24

You can, and will, "comfortably" live at  with money as a top priority, but not at 

It is impossible to find or stay at  – but this is the gospel message – it takes grace! Much grace!

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"
Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Mt 19:25 - 26

How do we find this grace? On-going, growing, grace is always and only found through the disciplines of a disciple. For which all the grace of heaven is promised to those asking for and seeking God's help, for this is His will for His children!

It's Just this Impossible – Just this Simple