The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. Though hail flattens the forest and the city is leveled completely, how blessed you will be, sowing your seed by every stream, and letting your cattle and donkeys range free. Isaiah 32:17-20 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)



This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)



God paid for our hearts to experience peace and quiet in a lifetime of war and noise.



A HEART OF PEACE IN A LIFETIME OF WAR



Characteristics of a Peace-Filled Warrior's Heart:

- Quietness
- Confidence



A Quiet Heart

A heart that is free of noise and able to remain in a place of stillness.



A Quiet Heart

But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.

Psalm 131:2 (NIV)



A Quiet Heart

- "I have discovered that all the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact, that they are unable to stay quietly in their own room."
- Blaise Pascal, 17th Century Christian Philosopher



A Confident Heart

A heart that is confident and hopeful that events will be favorable.



A Confident Heart

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13 (NIV)



A Confident Heart

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Daniel 3:16—18 (NIV)



1. Rest Without Falling Asleep



Rest Without Falling Asleep

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28–29 (NIV)



- 1. Rest Without Falling Asleep
- 2. Strain Without Stressing

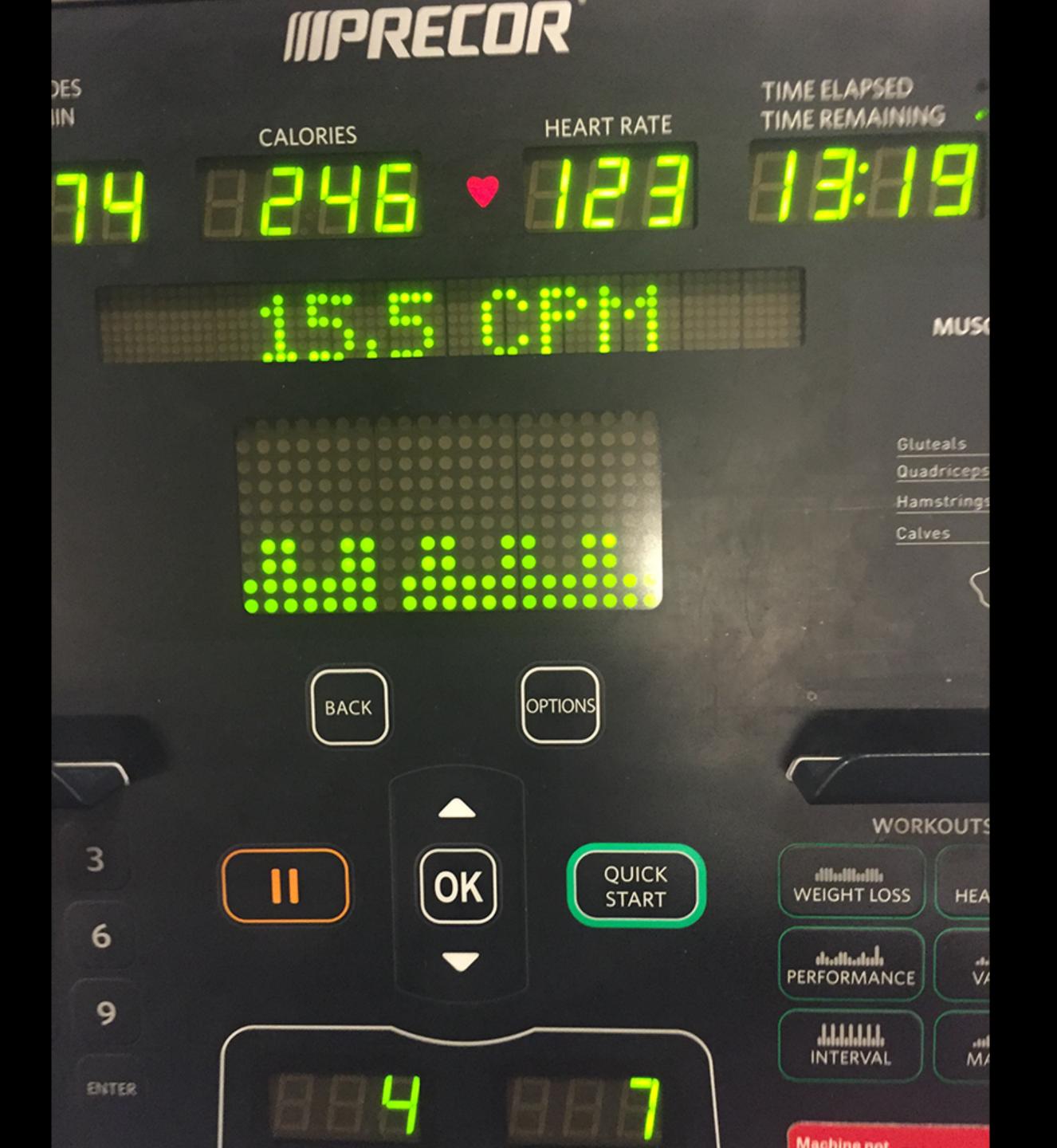


Strain Without Stressing

One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13b—14 (NIV)





- 1. Rest Without Falling Asleep
- 2. Strain Without Stressing
- 3. Claim Your Inheritance!



Claim Your Inheritance!

Giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:12(NIV)









You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Isaiah 26:3 ESV

