

Chapter 1 : Full text of "The training of the devotional life"

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In order to reign, you must be trained; in order to lead, you must learn. However, it is important to know that in order to reign, you must be trained; in order to lead, you must learn. You need education for qualification and destination. Let me give you an example: You see, he was already an authority in his field; no matter who you are, you must listen to what he has to say. He has been trained. Beloved, you need to sharpen your mentality by training and education in order to arrive at authority. King Saul had a mental problem after disobeying God and they looked for a skilful musician, and David was the only person who had the qualification or the kind of musical skill they were looking for 1 Samuel So, he was moved from the wilderness to the palace at the frequency of skill and training. Beloved, there are things prayer may not solve. For example, when a consultant surgeon is needed for an employment, there is no amount of prayer that would make a nurse occupy that position. The world has no respect for the ignorant. Whatever be your trade, give yourself to learning all it takes to be the best in it. Half education could be more dangerous than not being educated at all. Beloved, my counsel is, decide to increase your knowledge, wisdom and expertise by training. Training locates a man at the place of authority. In order to reign, you must be trained; in order to lead you must learn. Sharpen your skills and upgrade yourself by training. Pursue a professional career by going to school. O Lord, I receive the grace to apply myself to learning and training in order to reign in life. A worm has no eyes at all. God has no other place for His people except the Top. The Home church meeting tomorrow by 6pm at the centre nearest to you. Come with your friends and loved ones. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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Is Your Life Balanced? The various parts of life are as they should be and where they should be. Each part of the balanced life gets the right amount of time and effort at the right time. The life of Jesus is an excellent model concerning balance. Throughout his life, Jesus was under constant pressure. Friend and enemy alike pursued him. Yet, when examining his life as recorded in Scripture, one sees that he never hurried, that he never had to play catch up, and that he was never taken by surprise. He managed time well, bringing it under control, because he knew the importance of balance. He grew intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. Does your life reflect a balance? Do you make time for intellectual growth? If you are too busy to read a book or engage in study that stimulates the mind, you are too busy. Do you make time for physical health? Many people burn out because of improper personal maintenance. Take care of your physical self. Do you make time for your relationship with God? Do you feel too busy for prayer, Bible study, meditation, or devotions? Take time to be holy, the world rushes on," but do we do it? Do you make time for primary relationships? Is adequate time provided for your spouse, family, and friends? Get Spirit-filled content delivered right to your inbox! [Click here to subscribe to our newsletter.](#) Only you can answer those questions honestly. And, only you can take the necessary steps to bring order, harmony, and balance back in your life. Help Charisma stay strong for years to come as we report on life in the Spirit. [Click here to keep us strong!](#) Experience the NICL and decide if this training is right for you and your team. Gain the knowledge that will help propel your life and ministry to the next level as you implement practical lessons from Dr. Training Dates and Details. The NICL Online is a brand new option for those church and ministry leaders who cannot attend the in-person training. Now, you can receive all hours of Dr.

Chapter 3 : Is Your Life Balanced? â€” Ministry Today

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The key to the success of finding and developing faith is simple; it is obedience. We must be ready to serve God rather than our needs, even before we know what the call may be, and take this mindset into life and to others. This means that faith goes beyond self to grow. This happens when we allow the impacting work of Christ to continually renew and build us. To grow even further, we can be more contemplative in His Word and in prayer. He will shape our destiny if we allow it. He will teach us His ways if we will walk in His ways. Then he said to them all: For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. Here are nine thoughts to get you pointed in the right direction. Our Growth in Devotions The key to the success of finding and developing faith is simple; it is obedience. Why are Devotions Important? Have you ever felt that being a Christian is sometimes like exercising or preparing for an athletic event? Devotions help us focus on Christâ€”who He is and what He did for us. Having a regular time to get in the Word will help us build perseverance. Devotions are Key to our Christian Walk Knowing our Lord and His precepts is also a process that we do not attain overnight. Just like learning or studying any subject, it takes time. If you try getting a good grade in class without studying the subject, without The Challenge is simple, the idea is pure and practical, and it only requires your obedience and persistence. God desires our intimacy, our relationship, and our communion with His holiness. The Benefits of doing your Devotions Devotions are the trust step where the rubber of the tires of our faith meets the road of life. All this is the main point of why we study the Bibleâ€”to do something with it. Pursuing the Abundant Christian Life An abundant Christian life with real meaning and purpose can be had and held! Read and study His Bible as much as possible. In that way, you will be able to

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Training of the devotional life seeks specifically to establish the conscious relationship of the individual child to God and to develop the attitude of reverence, adoration, and trust toward God and good will, sympathy, and service toward people.

The Devotional Life Introduction In our hurry up, man-centered, man-dependent world that measures success by activity, making big bucks, or how much we accomplish, finding time to hide ourselves alone with God for steady spiritual growth is a lost priority. It is viewed by many as a nonessential, as something for those who have nothing to do. The question people often ask is where is the practicality of time alone with God? Others view time alone with God as a virtual impossibility. There are centrifugal forces at work in our modern world that propel us into a whirlwind of activity or business. But perhaps more than anything else our society has been led into a dangerous mood of impatience. Eugene Peterson accurately captures this mood of our day and writes: One aspect of world that I have been able to identify as harmful to Christians is the assumption that anything worthwhile can be acquired at once. We assume that if something can be done at all, it can be done quickly and efficiently. Our attention spans have been conditioned by thirty-second commercials. Our sense of reality has been flattened by thirty-page abridgments. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness. Everyone is in a hurry. The persons whom I lead in worship, among whom I counsel, visit, pray, preach, and teach, want short cuts – They are impatient for results – The Christian life cannot mature under such conditions and in such ways. This morning watch, as we might call it, has the special reward of knowing God more intimately and of Christlike transformation. Surely the Lord had this in mind, at least in part, when He said in Matthew 6: And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. But there is a self-deception at work here as well. The negative effects of ignoring daily time alone with God is also not immediately visible. The aftermath of failing to draw near to God is more like the decomposition of organic material, slow but sure. In time we can begin to see and even smell the signs of spiritual and moral decay. Ironically, spiritual decay is often accompanied by a paradox, the rock-like hardening of our souls which may blind us to the rot taking place in our heart. They were completely astonished, 52 because they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. Unless we make time alone with God a priority, the other hours devoted to our busy schedules will be poorly used. We are prone to ignore times of retreat because our work, our ministry, our families, all seem more important. Doing seems so much more practical than praying or meditating on the Word. But the spiritual disciplines of prayer and meditation on the Word do not constitute idleness or indolence. They are rigorous disciplines that are vital to the spiritual life. Satan obviously delights in deceiving us in this matter and works overtime to make it difficult. And the fact it is difficult only serves to highlight the great need we have for time alone with God. Finding time to get alone with God is a need for all Christians – wives and mothers, husbands and fathers, children, students – everyone. Because it is through seclusion with God that we are able to develop and maintain the mind of the Spirit and keep our spiritual equilibrium so that God is at the center and in control of our lives. It is through the two spiritual disciplines that will be discussed in this lesson that God communicates to us and we to Him. Here is where our faith is developed both in content what we believe , and in degree how much and how consistently we trust in Him rather than in ourselves. The weeklies refer to the discipline of weekly regularly assembling together with other believers for fellowship, singing, reciprocal ministry, prayer, and the study the Word. Though this study will deal with the weekly aspect, the primary focus will be on the daily devotional life. The dailies and weeklies are part of the means by which believers are able to more intimately know their God, relate to and rest in their new life in Christ, and experience true spiritual change and liberation from life-dominating patterns of sin. Apart from the dailies and weeklies properly understood and experienced, there will be very little peace and true spiritual change from within through a deepening faith relationship with the living God. For instance, Romans 8: However, this is not just some mysterious, automatic experience that somehow suddenly sweeps over the Christian after he or

she has trusted in Christ. As the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us and illuminates our hearts to the Word Eph. True spirituality, walking by the control of the Spirit of truth, will result in spiritual illumination, understanding, and so right thinking about God and man and the real values and priorities of life. But it is equally true that meditating on the word and right thinking is crucial to true spirituality or the Spirit-controlled walk. The Word and the Spirit work together so that, if we are not taking time to get alone with God in His revelation to us in the Bible, two things will happen: The result is death. Death means separation and a loss of life, but the context must determine the kind of death or loss of life involved. The apostle was writing to the Christians at Rome, and by the context he was undoubtedly referring to a life of carnality, frustration, and the absence of peace, a life dominated by the sinful nature. If continued, such a life would eventually result in physical death as discipline from the Lord. Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you! But later it produces the fruit of peace and righteousness for those trained by it. Here is the place where the mind is filled with the things of Christ and restructured by the Spirit of God according to the Word of God that we might walk in newness of life.

An Important Balance There is a subtle balance which must be maintained, a narrow road, or we will miss the way of deliverance by grace and end up in the pit of one of two extremes, maybe even both. But this is not meant to imply that by the discipline of human will power or human effort we can overcome our sinful nature and its life-dominating patterns. We cannot consistently and in all areas free ourselves from life-dominating habits by our willpower no matter how badly we desire to do so. For one thing, very often, the goal in such pursuits is selfish. Though people often overcome some habit by sheer determination, self remains at the core and true Christlike change does not occur. People often want change and may turn to God for help, but if they are not really seeking to know God and grow in their relationship with Him, they will only be turning to God as a kind of Genie. A basic truth of the Bible is that spiritual change is the product of genuine godliness, of growing in our dependence on and relationship with God through Christ. Colossians 2 touches on some of the methods or human regulations men often use in their attempt to control sin or bring about change. But the apostle shows us in this passage that such methods are doomed to failure and they are doomed to failure for two reasons. The flesh simply cannot overcome the flesh. Self cannot overcome self because self will always remain the center of the life. Perhaps Paul is also warning us that the moment we attempt the process of change by our willpower, we are worshipping our own will self which takes us to the heart of the problem, our need for faith and dependence on God and what He has done for us in Christ. It is the opposite of dependence on the Lord and His grace work. As long as we think we can deliver ourselves by our own willpower, it will only make the sin within us stronger. Note also that in Colossians 2: Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is known by its fruit. How are you able to say anything good, since you are evil? For the mouth speaks from what fills the heart. The Pharisees to whom Christ was speaking in this passage were religious externalists who sought to be good by their own will power and religious works. Sooner or later, regardless of their outward appearance, the real condition of the heart would become evident. Such is actually true of any of us, even though we are regenerated by the Spirit of God as believers in Christ. If our inner world is not being fortified daily by an intimate life with God, the true condition of the heart will come to the surface. It is not that we want to be that way; we have no intention or desire to give vent to our inner hostilities, explode in anger, or react in self-pity, self-justification, arrogance, or act in fear. But, as we go through life, as we meet varying problems and people, the real condition of our heart will manifest itself. Though we may try to cover these up, stifle them with all our might, the truth will come out by what we say or do, or even by our body language. Will power and good intentions have no defense against the sinful nature. We tear down arguments 5 and every arrogant obstacle that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to make it obey Christ. Knowing this, we are brought face to face with a vital truth. All aspects of true righteousness are gifts of God: True, we are called upon to cooperate with God by faith and positive response to grace, but the needed transformation, the spiritual change, is grace given through our new life in Christ and the power of the Spirit. The gift of righteousness mentioned in Romans 5: In life, not just after this life, but even now through the new life that is ours in Jesus Christ. Here, then is a key truth and a place where we can easily slip off the narrow road to spiritual change. This is where these routines of spiritual disciplines comes

into play. God has ordained these spiritual disciplines as the means of receiving His grace or of appropriating it into our lives so that God can change us. Just as a farmer is helpless to grow his crop without preparing the soil and sowing the seed, so we must prepare the soil of our hearts and sow the seed of the Word to reap a harvest of righteousness. So it is with these spiritual disciplines. Without these spiritual disciplines, we sow to the flesh and reap of the flesh, either in mere human good and dead religious works or in sinful behavior or both. One vital characteristic of godliness is contentment. Think about just how much evil exists because of greed and the lack of contentment. Instead, these things are found in God through the sufficiency of Christ. Now I know you were concerned before but had no opportunity to do anything. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of contentment, whether I go satisfied or hungry, have plenty or nothing. Regarding contentment, Spurgeon wrote: We need not sow thistles and brambles; they come up naturally enough, because they are indigenous to earth: But the precious things of the earth must be cultivated. Now, contentment is one of the flowers of heaven, and if we would have it, it must be cultivated; it will not grow in us by nature; it is the new nature alone that can produce it, and even then we must be specially careful and watchful that we maintain and cultivate the grace which God has sown in us. When faced with the famine, he failed to stay occupied with the Lord and moved south toward Egypt a picture of the world to find relief from the famine.

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