

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

Cares of Life/Prayer/Reading/Loving God with all our STRENGTH

The HARD WORK of Keeping Our SPIRITUAL Houses clean

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DAILY DISCIPLINE

Luk 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. ‘

Dan 6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

Dan 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Dan 6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Dan 6:5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

Dan 6:6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

Dan 6:7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

Dan 6:8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

Dan 6:9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Dan 6:11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

Psa 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Jas 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

CARES OF LIFE

Luk 8:14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Mar 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with **all thy strength**: this is the first commandment.

Luk 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

Luk 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also **sat at Jesus' feet**, and heard his word.

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Luk 10:40 But Martha was **cumbered** [*drag all around; distracted*] about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve [*attendant; wait on, menially*] alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

Luk 10:41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, **Martha, Martha, thou art careful** [*anxious*] **and troubled** [*disturbed*] about **many things**:

Luk 10:42 **But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

TIME – A PRECIOUS COMMODITY

Jas 4:14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

READING/MEDITATION

Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.

Psa 119:97 MEM. O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

The Conquering Force of Prayer

...This is a day of methods and plans and policies. Prayer is the most neglected and abused art and duty of the modern church. When the church awakens to this fact and rises to the occasion the battle will be short and victorious for the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Of Jacob the angel fresh from the presence of the Lord declared, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed"

1. Sitting at the Feet of Jesus. How does it practically demonstrate in my life?
2. How much strength do we have? Is it different for each of us? How do I prioritize in order to serve the Lord with ALL my strength?
 - a. Are the physical/emotional/spiritual aspects of our being intertwined?
 - b. OUR SPACE: Cleanliness/Clutter-Free Environment. Does it affect my spiritual life?
 - c. Time management.
 - d. Getting enough sleep
3. *Choked Out*: Name the things that choke/crowd/drag all around/distract us from allowing the Word of God to have **space**/room in which to grow.
4. Time (and strength) Precious and LIMITED commodities. Evaluate how I use them?
5. Prayer—Word—Meditation. Daily disciplines.
 - a. Prayer: Quick? Pray without ceasing? Deliberate/intentional set-apart time. Persistent prayer. Faith Stewart (nine times/blindness)
 - b. Word: We are what we ingest-what we think about. Do we allow space for the Word in our hearts? (Song/written word) What does it mean to esteem the words of HIS mouth more than my necessary food? How does that realistically demonstrate in my life?