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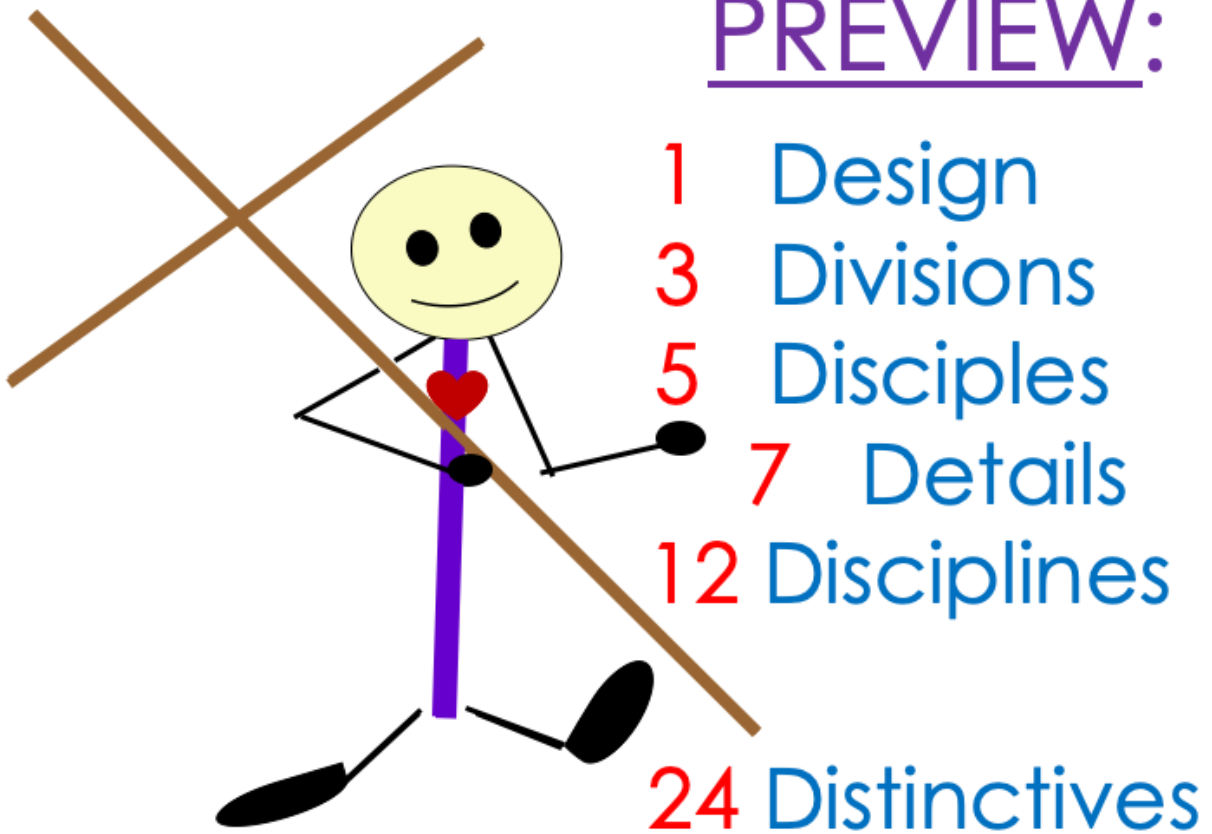
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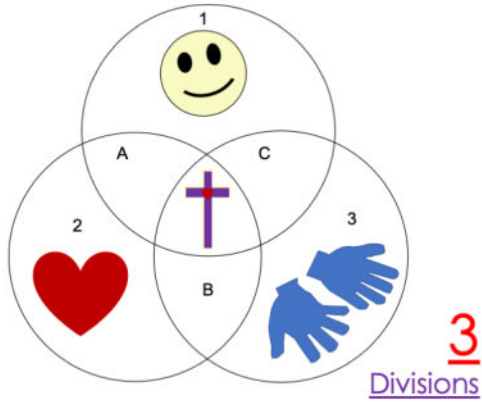
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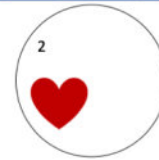
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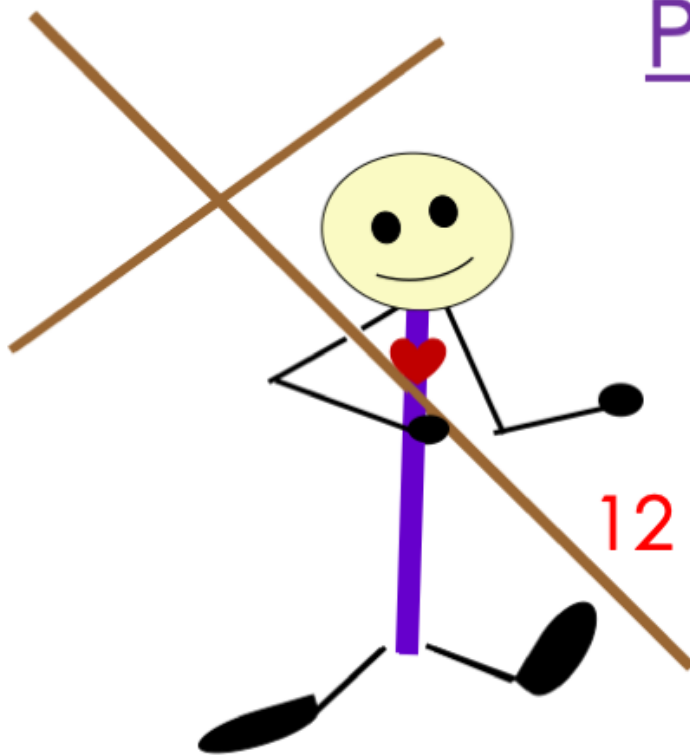
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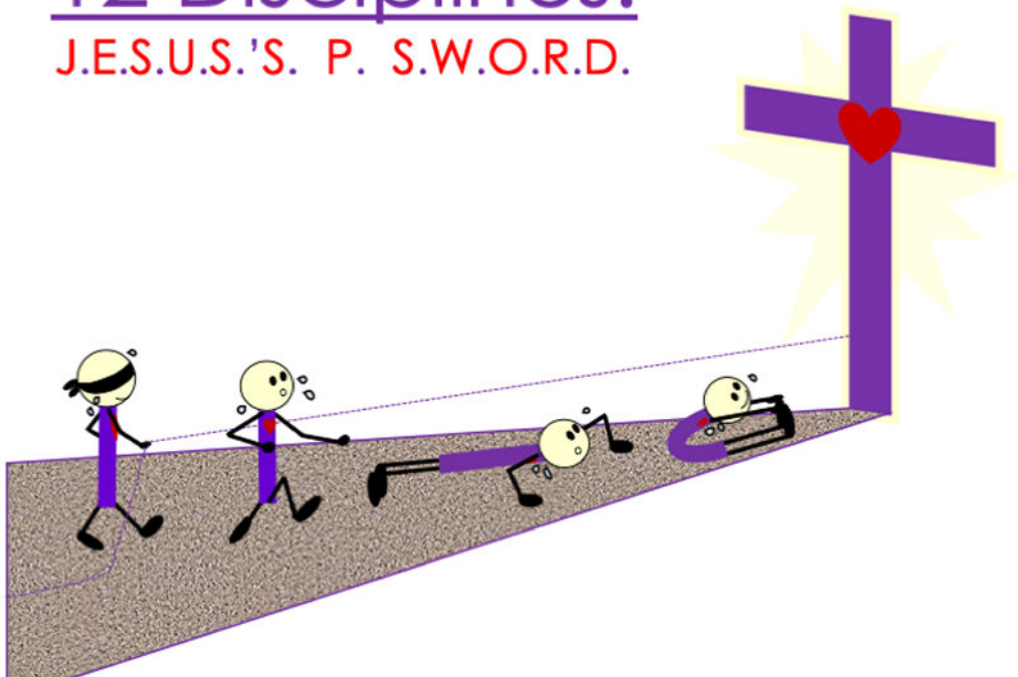
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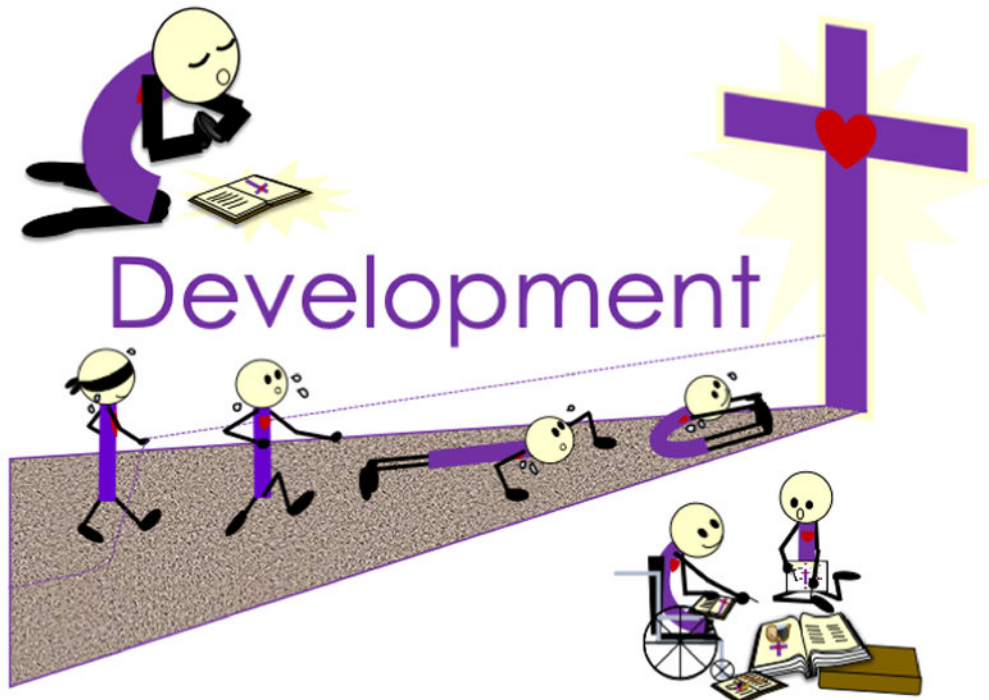


12 Disciplines

12 DISCIPLINES: Here are some heart exercises for you... These discipleship “**disciplines**” can help Christians to **strengthen** their **faith** and grow as missional & maturing Christ-followers.

12 Disciplines:
J.E.S.U.S.'S P. S.W.O.R.D.





DEVELOPMENT:

As Christians **commit** to life-long knowing, growing, & going, both the individual Christian, **AND** the global Church will continue to **deploy & develop...**
Growth honors God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

INTRO:

Welcome to another major transition point in your discipleship journey and our Come And See Christianity curriculum. By way of review, thus far, we have gone through Section One's single lesson on God's divine DESIGN, then Section Two's three unifying and introductory lessons on every human's 3 DIVISIONS (our HEAD, HEART, and HANDS); we then followed up with the universally inclusive definitions and descriptions of humanity's 5 types of people, also known as biblical DISCIPLES (the LOST, LOVER, LEARNER, LEADER, and LIFER), each having received their own lesson. Next came what we just completed, Section Four's 7 lessons on Christianity's fundamental, knowledge-based truths, also known as The DETAILS (FOUNDATIONS, FRAMEWORK, FACTS, FIGHT, FAITH, FAMILY, and FOREVER).

Now, in the same way that Sections 1-4 (and their 16 compiled lessons) all concentrated on aspects of "The HEAD" and the truth of God's Word, Section 5 will contain 12 complementary lessons (**J.E.S.U.S.'S. P.S.W.O.R.D.**) that focus on HEART exercises, also known as spiritual DISCIPLINES, that can help to grow and strengthen the Christian's truth-filled, loving, and faithfully obedient HEART...

12 HEART Strengthening DISCIPLINES:

1. *Journaling*
2. *Eat-nothing (Fasting)*
3. *Scripture intake*
4. *Understudy of Scripture*
5. *Solitude*
6. *Stewardship*
7. *Prayer*
8. *Serving*
9. *Worship*
10. *Outreach*
11. *Relationships*
12. *Development*

PRAYER:

LORD, we seek to bless You with all that is within us. Help us here, we pray, to be that blessing as we come to better understand You and Your eternal truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Help us to see with Your eyes and love with Your love, all that You would reveal to us through Your Word, Your will, and Your ways. May we grow in our grasp of Your realities, Your means of restoration, and Your mission of reproduction. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen and Amen

CONTEXT:

Macro

Spiritual Disciplines

(The content herein is predominantly derived and expanded upon from Dr. Don Whitney's *Spiritual Disciplines* & Dr. Chuck Lawless' *Disciplined Warriors*.)

I. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES ... FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

*Ours is an undisciplined age. The old disciplines are breaking down.
... We **need** the rugged strength of Christian **character**
that can come only from discipline.*

- V. Raymond Edman

Discipline without direction is drudgery!

The Bible says of God's elect, "*For those whom He foreknew He also predestined **to be conformed** to the image of His Son"*
(Romans 8:29)

Although God will grant Christlikeness to us when Jesus returns, until then He intends for us to grow toward it.

We aren't merely to wait for holiness; we're to pursue it.

All who come to God trusting in the person and work of Jesus to make them right with God are given the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:13-14). The presence of the Holy Spirit causes all those in whom He resides to have new holy hungers they didn't have before.

Hebrews 12:14 is clear:

Anyone who is not striving for holiness will not see the Lord!

The urgent question every Christian should ask is, *“How then shall I pursue holiness... How can I become more like Christ?”* God’s Word offers a clear answer in...

1 Timothy 4:7

“Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”

The only road to Christian maturity and godliness (a.k.a. Christlikeness & holiness) passes through the practice of the Spiritual Disciplines.

Godliness is the goal of the Disciplines... remember this and the ***Spiritual Disciplines become delights vs drudgery.***

II. WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES?

Spiritual Disciplines are those practices found in Scripture (and in application) that promote spiritual growth among believers in The Gospel.

Spiritual Disciplines are the **habits of devotion** and **experiential Christianity** that have been **practiced** by the people of God since biblical times.

The Disciplines could be described in several ways:

- “First, the Bible prescribes both **personal** and **interpersonal** Spiritual Disciplines.”
- **Spiritual Disciplines are activities, NOT attitudes.**
 - Disciplines are practices... NOT character qualities, graces, or “fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - **Disciplines are things you do!**

The goal of practicing a given Discipline, is not about “DOing” as much as it is about “BEing,” that is, BEing like Jesus. But the biblical way to grow in BEing more like Jesus is through the rightly motivated doing of the biblical Spiritual Disciplines.

- We do specific practices *sometimes* that cultivate being more like Jesus *all the time*.
- Spiritual Disciplines are practices taught or modeled in the Bible. (Without this limitation, we might call anything we fancy a Spiritual Discipline.)
- Spiritual Disciplines found in Scripture are sufficient for knowing & experiencing God & growing in Christlikeness.
 - See 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - See 2 Peter 1:3 & Philippians 4:13
- Spiritual Disciplines are practices derived from the gospel, NOT divorced from the gospel.
- ***Spiritual Disciplines are means, not ends.***

Godliness is both closeness to Christ and conformity to Christ.

CAUTION: *While we cannot be godly without the practice of the Disciplines, we can practice the Disciplines without being godly...*

So, the Spiritual Disciplines are those personal and interpersonal activities given by God in the Bible as the sufficient means believers in Jesus Christ are to use in the Spirit-filled, gospel-driven pursuit of godliness, that is, closeness to Christ and conformity to Christ.

III. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES... AS MEANS TO GODLINESS

Godliness comes through discipline.

- God uses **three primary catalysts for changing us** and conforming us into Christlikeness, but only one is largely under our control.

#1: God uses people to change people.

- *"Iron sharpens iron," says Proverbs 27:17.*
- *Sometimes God uses our friends to sharpen us into more Christlike living, and sometimes He uses our enemies to file away our rough, ungodly edges.*

#2: God uses circumstance(s) as His catalyst for change.

#3: God uses spiritual disciplines to change His people.

*God uses spiritual disciplines
to work on His people from the **inside out**.*

Colossians 1:29 illustrates how **the efforts of a Christian & the work of God—can occur simultaneously** in a person indwelt by the Holy Spirit (cf. Philippians 2:13).

See here divine grace AND human responsibility...

*As physical disciplines promote bodily strength, so
the Spiritual Disciplines promote godliness.*

- Think of the Spiritual Disciplines as ways by which we can spiritually place ourselves in the path of God's grace and seek Him, much **like Zacchaeus** placed himself physically in Jesus' path and sought Him. The Lord, by His Spirit, still travels down certain paths that He has ordained and revealed in Scripture. We call these paths the Spiritual Disciplines...

*If we will place ourselves on these paths and look
for Him there by faith, we can expect
to encounter Him.*

IV. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES... GOD'S WILL FOR CHRISTIANS

*"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness"
makes it plain that **this is a command of God**, not merely a suggestion.*

- **Holiness is not an option for those who claim to be children of the Holy One** (see 1 Peter 1:15-16), so neither are the means of holiness—that is, the *Spiritual Disciplines*—an option.
- Jesus is the model of discipline in & for godliness.
- Many professing Christians are spiritually undisciplined and seem to have little Christlike fruit and power in their lives. Yet, many of them are remarkably disciplined in other areas of their lives.
- Too many Christians trivialize their effectiveness for the kingdom of God through a lack of discipline.
- The danger of neglecting the Spiritual Disciplines is the danger of bearing little spiritual fruit—your life counting little for the sake of the kingdom.

"I'm not afraid of failure. I'm afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter."

- William Carey

"Freedom and discipline have come to be regarded as mutually exclusive, when in fact freedom is not at all the opposite, but rather the final reward, of discipline."

Elisabeth Elliot

If your picture of a disciplined Christian is one of a grim, tight-lipped, joyless half-robot, then you've missed the point.

*By means of the Disciplines,
let the truths of The Gospel restore your soul.*

Micro

Christian DEVELOPMENT is biblical SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that the work of regeneration, conversion, sanctification, and faith, is not an act of man's free will and power, but of the mighty, efficacious and irresistible grace of God.

- Charles Spurgeon

Message

DEVELOPMENT, by definition, is a dynamic and shaping reality.

Think about it, when an individual or group of people are "developing," they are changing... for better or for worse. To help frame this concept and lesson, it may be beneficial to realize that ***the opposite of DEVELOPMENT is inertia, regression, and/or simply the maintaining of the status quo.***

Dictionary.com defines DEVELOPMENT as "the act or process of growth; progress." Consequently, it is important to realize that people can "develop" things like cancer, bad habits, unhealthy relationships, and a tragic array of sinful possibilities. Thus, **growth is not always good.** Sadly, some of DEVELOPMENT's definition grieves God, hurts people, and, when it happens under the professing banner of Christianity, is bad (*see the Parable of The Soils in Matthew 13:1-13, the regressive DEVELOPMENT of Demas that the Apostle Paul warned of in 2 Timothy 4:10, and the shocking shortfall of the Rich Young Ruler's DEVELOPMENT & defining downfall, as shared in Luke 18:18-30*).

Having here noted the reader's steadfast need for shrewd discernment and full context definitions regarding DEVELOPMENT (1 Timothy 4:16), the lesson at hand will focus on the biblical, personal, and missional aspects of spiritual growth, otherwise known as discipleship and SANCTIFICATION.

In short, ***when a Christian's DEVELOPMENT includes learning, loving, and living God's Word, will, and ways, their HEAD, HEART, and HANDS will be sanctified as they are disciplined and experience progressive, miraculous transformation*** (2 Corinthians 5:17).

What is Sanctification?

Sanctification is one of those religious-sounding words that people in the church use, but may not understand what it means. In its most basic sense, to sanctify something is to set it apart for God's special use and purpose. Therefore, God's people are sometimes said to be sanctified because they are set apart for God's special purposes in the world: "Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy; for I am the LORD your God. Keep my statutes, and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you" (Leviticus 20:7-8).

As this verse helps us see, the word sanctification is closely related to holiness. The word sanctification can be used similarly in the New Testament. Thus in one sense, believers are already sanctified because of what Jesus has done for them. Hebrews 10:10 tells us that as followers of Christ "we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

But most of the time when Christians use the word sanctification, they are referring to the progressive work of God to make a believer more like Jesus Christ. As such Paul can write, "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality" (1 Thess. 4:3). He commands Christians to "present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification" (Rom 6:19). Because believers have been set free from their slavery to sin, "the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life" (Romans 6:22).

In sanctification, both God and the Christian have specific responsibilities. Paul commands believers to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13). God is the one who does the work of making us more like Christ, and we participate in that work by a life of continually turning away from sin and demonstrating our faith in Christ by obeying God's commands. The Holy Spirit plays a key role in this process; as we walk in the power of the Spirit we "will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

In addition to empowering us by his Spirit, God has given us other tools to grow when asking what is sanctification. Reading, studying, and being taught the Bible enables us to better understand who God is, what he has done for us, and how he calls us to live. Praying expresses our faith in the sovereign power of God to accomplish what only he can do. Fellowship with other believers encourages us to put our faith into practice by loving and bearing with one another. Giving weans our hearts off putting our trust in the fleeting things of this world and shows that we value the work of God even more than our own comfort. Sharing the gospel with others brings us the joy of participating in God's work of extending his kingdom. All of these are different tools that God uses to make us more like Jesus.

As believers, our hope is fixed on the day when Jesus returns. But in the meantime, we are called to pursue our sanctification in anticipation of that day. John explains how these two realities relate to each other: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure" (1 John 3:1-3).

Because of what God has done for us in Jesus, we have already been set apart for his special purposes. What is sanctification? By the power of God's Spirit we pursue growing in godliness so that we more clearly reflect Jesus Christ in our lives. We do so in anticipation of the day when Christ will return and complete the process of sanctification by making us perfect reflections of Christ.

- Dr. Matt Harmon

BIG IDEA: Healthy Christians commit to intentional life-long KNOWING, GROWING, and GOING, all by God's grace and all for His glory!

PREVIEW:

- 1. DEVOTED Development**
- 2. DISTRACTED Development**
- 3. DISCIPLED Development**

TEXT:

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. *39* And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. *40* But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." *41* But the Lord answered her, "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42* but **one thing is necessary**. *Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.*"

1. DEVOTED Development

Illustration:

*"Sanctification grows out of faith in Jesus Christ. Remember, **holiness is a flower, not a root**. It is not sanctification that saves, but salvation that sanctifies."
- Spurgeon*

Explanation:

Biblical devotion and DEVELOPMENT are both grounded in the "truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) of God-honoring priorities and passions.

It may surprise you to learn that our lesson on knowing, growing and going in **Christian DEVELOPMENT will concentrate on one thing**. In fact, we will steer clear of multi-tasking to-do lists all together. Instead, just as Jesus told and taught the task-oriented, hard-working Martha in our text, **pleasing and glorifying God really comes down to ONE THING.**

Our LORD said it this way in the Old and New Testament:

(Deuteronomy 6:5 & Mark 12:30)

"Love the LORD your God with ALL your heart, soul, mind, and strength."

ALL-in devotion + sanctifying discipleship = Christian DEVELOPMENT!

Jesus was repeatedly emphatic in His teaching and preaching...
“*Seek first the kingdom of God*” (Matthew 6:33). Every aspect of Christian DEVELOPMENT and SANCTIFICATION is the fruit of this ONE THING... a faithful and increasing intimacy with Almighty God – His name is Jesus!

Regardless of who the person is, where they live, or what stage of maturity they represent, their fullest blessings and next stage of spiritual DEVELOPMENT await them on the other side of more SANCTIFICATION. The more we love, know, and grow in Christ and Christ-likeness, the greater our spiritual growth – the greater our ability and opportunities to glorify God.

Never forget Augustine’s famously practical and theologically thick words of wisdom: **“Love the LORD your God with ALL your heart, soul, mind, and strength... then go do whatever you want.”** These words should be treated as light (Psalm 119:105) and treasure (Matthew 6:21). With that said, be sure to hear and heed Augustine’s preconditions before wrongly engaging the license and liberties he so boldly offers.

Application:

Saving faith is an immediate relation to Christ, accepting, receiving, resting upon Him alone, for justification, sanctification, and eternal life by virtue of God's grace.
- Charles Spurgeon

“We must hide our unholiness in the wounds of Christ as Moses hid himself in the cleft of the rock while the glory of God passed by. We must take refuge from God in God. Above all we must believe that God sees us perfect in His Son while He disciplines and chastens and purges us that we may be partakers of His holiness”
- A.W. Tozer

The Christian life requires hard work. Our sanctification is a process wherein we are coworkers with God. We have the promise of God's assistance in our labor, but His divine help does not annul our responsibility to work (Phil. 2:12-13).
- R. C. Sproul

*"The whole lives of Christians ought to be a kind of aspiration after piety, seeing they are called unto holiness (Ephesians 1:4; 1Thessalonians 4:5). The office of the law is to excite them to the study of purity and holiness, by reminding them of their duty. For when the conscience feels anxious as to how it may have the favor of God, as to the answer it could give, and the confidence it would feel, if brought to his judgment-seat, in such a case, requirements of the law are not to be brought forward, but Christ, who surpasses all the perfection of the law, is alone to be held forth for righteousness."
- John Calvin*

*If I was saved by my good works -- then there would be a limit to what God could ask of me or put me through. I would be like a taxpayer with rights. I would have done my duty and now I would deserve a certain quality of life. But if it is really true that I am a sinner saved by sheer grace -- at God's infinite cost -- then there's nothing he cannot ask of me.
- Tim Keller*

2. DISTRACTED Development

Illustration:

*"What do you want?"
- Jesus Christ*

*"Till sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet."
- Thomas Watson*

Explanation:

As noted earlier, DEVELOPMENT without guardrails runs the risk of going in the wrong direction. Like weeds in a garden, some unwanted things grow all by themselves... no fertilizer required.

Regarding Christian DEVELOPMENT, it is important to realize that **distractions are dangerous**. Stated positively, *spiritual growth and biblical SANCTIFICATION tend to thrive when they combine personal integrity, faithfully focused intensity, and missional intentionality.*

By contrast, unfortunately, most things that develop as a byproduct of distractions undermine noble goals. You will never bump into your best unexpectedly... Think about it. **Excellence is no coincidence!** Case in point, when it comes to growing as a God-honoring, worshipful witness of Christ, **winging it won't work!** Consequently, Christianity calls for concentrated and concerted efforts to be intentional about DEVELOPMENT.

All of Scripture, and the New Testament book of Hebrews in particular, exemplifies this lesson's call for missional intentionality. Consider the catastrophic consequences of being spiritually lukewarm or lackadaisical...

Developmental drifting leads to missional distractions...

Distractions tend to lead to inner disgruntled-ness...

Disgruntled-ness often leads to secret disobedience...

Disobedience always leads to vertical & horizontal division...

Division, by definition, leads to dysfunction in God's family...

Dysfunction leads misguided people into spiritual darkness...

Darkness leads to the Devil's hidden traps & troublemakers...

The Devil & the demonic lead to eternal death & destruction.

In Martha's case (Luke 10:38-42), we have a classic display of the dangers hidden behind biblical distractions. Let us learn from the contrasting intentionality of Mary and Martha. Look closely and you will see, as Jesus corrected and then rebuked the self-righteous sister (Martha) for being "distracted," her posture and replies have much to teach us.

Martha was distracted (Luke 10:40)...

Martha then became disruptive...

Martha grew to be dismissive of Jesus...

Martha went on to become disgruntled...

Martha ended up disrespecting Jesus...

Authentic Christian DEVELOPMENT should always be rooted in worship... and fruited with works.

Application:

*"Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and death to your whole body in the end: submit with every fiber of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have given away will be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."
- C.S. Lewis*

3. DISCIPLESHIP Development

Illustration:

*"In justification the word to be addressed to man is believe — only believe; in sanctification the word must be 'watch, pray, and fight.' Tell me not of your justification, unless you have also some marks of sanctification. Boast not of Christ's work for you, unless you can show us the Spirit's work in you.
- J. C. Ryle*

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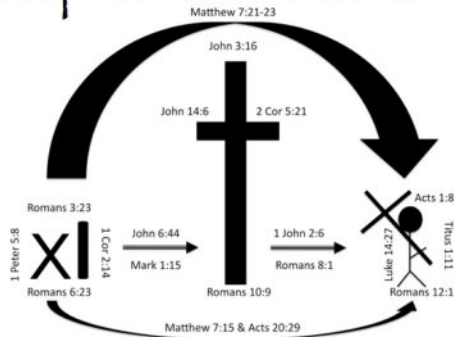
All genuine, Christian DEVELOPMENT is grounded in God's grace, grown by His sanctifying Spirit, and aiming at intimacy... for His glory!

Therefore, we can say without hesitation or reservation that all Gospel centered and God-honoring discipleship should share the following core characteristics.

1. Per 2 Timothy 3:16-17, God's Word, will, & ways are always authoritative.
2. "Truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) is to always be the promise and answer...
3. Christ's Gospel always anchors ALL aspects of Christian DEVELOPMENT.
4. A biblical definition & understanding of DISCIPLESHIP is always essential.

Gospel: Truth-in-Love

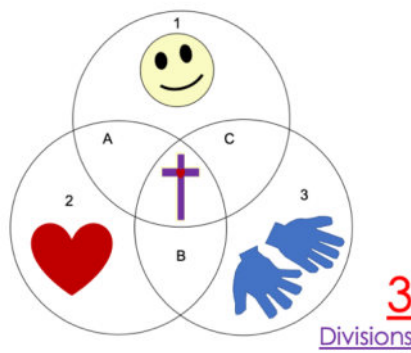
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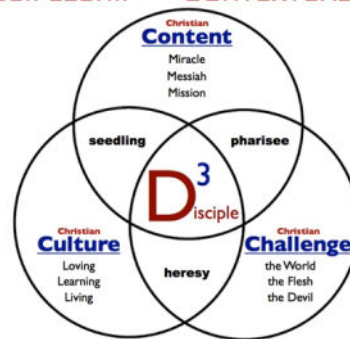
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 The **intentional** endeavors of
 “miraculous, Christ-like, works-in-progress”
 (a.k.a. **Disciples**) engaged in
 “finding the lost AND growing the found”
 into **family-members** who are in-turn
 committed to **making disciples**,
 who make disciples, who make disciples...
 by God’s grace & for His glory.



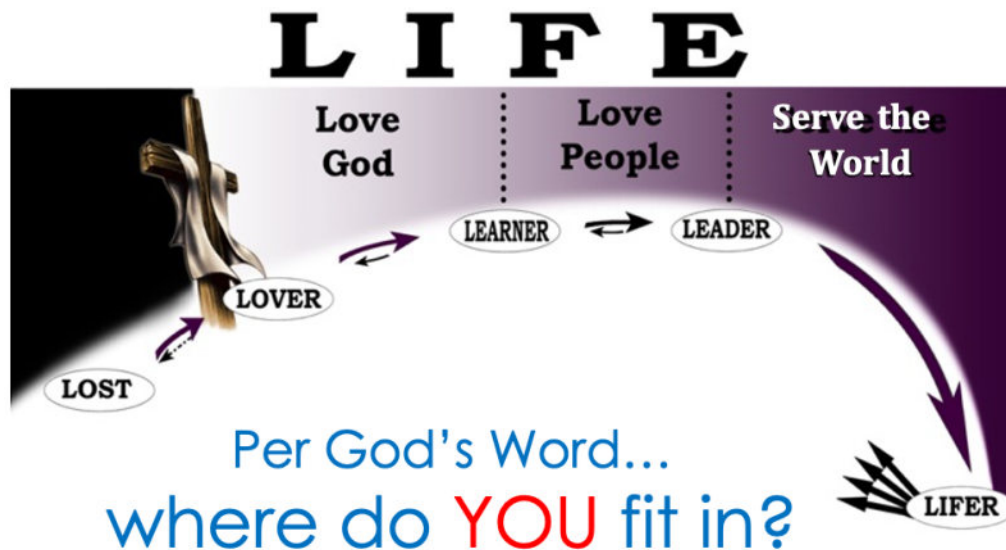
5. Christian DEVELOPMENT should always be holistic in aim & application.



DISCIPLESHIP CONTEXTUALIZATION



6. The same biblical principles should always apply to every disciple...



Application:

2 Timothy 2:1-7

1You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, **2**and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. **3**Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. **4**No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. **5**An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. **6**It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. **7**Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

CLOSE:

"Loving a holy God is beyond our moral power. The only kind of God we can love by our sinful nature is an unholy god, an idol made by our own hands. Unless we are born of the Spirit of God, unless God sheds His holy love in our hearts, unless He stoops in His grace to change our hearts, we will not love Him... To love a holy God requires grace, grace strong enough to pierce our hardened hearts and awaken our moribund souls."

- R.C. Sproul

None can know their election but by their conformity to Christ; for all who are chosen are chosen to sanctification.

- Matthew Henry

*"The last temptation is the greatest treason:
To do the right deed for the wrong reason."*

- T.S. Eliot

For What?

Sanctification makes us pure in heart.

- William J. Seymour

*"If He gives you the grace to make you believe,
He will give you the grace to live a holy life afterward."
- Spurgeon*

*While the agent of renovation is the Divine Spirit, and the condition
of renovation is our cleaving to Christ, the medium of renovation
and the weapon which the transforming grace employs is "the word
of the truth of the gospel," whereby we are sanctified.
- Alexander MacLaren*

So What?

*Maintaining the status quo is the most eloquent form of suicide,
the ironic thing is... you feel good as you die.
- Anonymous*

*"For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God [[Genesis](#)
[3:1-7](#)], while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself
for man [[2 Cor. 5:21](#)]. Man asserts himself against God and puts
himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself
for man and puts himself where only man deserves to be."
- John Stott*

*The faith which has not a sanctifying influence on the character is
no better than the faith of devils. It is a "dead faith,
because it is alone."
- J.C. Ryle*

Now What?

*It is absurd to imagine
that God should justify a people and not sanctify them...
Let no man join us who is afraid, and we want none but those who
are saved, sanctified and aflame with the fire of the
Associate with sanctified persons. They may by their counsel,
prayers, and holy example, be a means to make you holy.
- Thomas Watson*

"Tell the young, tell the poor, tell the aged, tell the ignorant, tell the sick, tell the dying — tell them all about Christ. Tell them of His power, and tell them of His love; tell them of His doings, and tell them of His feelings; tell them what He has done for the chief of sinners; tell them what He is willing to do until the last day of time; tell it to them over and over again. Never be tired of speaking of Christ. Say to them broadly and fully, freely and unconditionally, unreservedly and undoubtingly, 'Come unto Christ, as the penitent thief did; come unto Christ, and you shall be saved.'"
- J.C. Ryle

*"...the will of God for your life is pretty straightforward: Be holy like Jesus, by the power of the Spirit, for the glory of God."
- Kevin DeYoung*

The Christian life could and should BE brightly lit with the loving lights of miraculous Christ-likeness, missional multiplication, and the grace-based, blood-bought, Spirit-empowered fruit that comes with BE-ing ecclesia in koinonia... all in the context of continuous improvement - also known as DEVELOPMENT, discipleship, and sanctification.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, thank You so much for the Truth and Love of Your Word, will, and ways. Please help us to absorb and apply ALL that You have shared and commanded in the Bible. May our heads be infilled with Your defining Scriptures, for the express purpose of informing, inspecting, and inspiring our sanctified hearts and serving hands.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen and Amen

Support Sermon:

"Time With Jesus"

Luke 10:38-42

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