



pastor's thoughts

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Spiritual Discipline

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Hello, everyone and greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and blessings to you from God the Father of our Lord Jesus. Here is another Pastor's Thought.

God desires a close, vibrant relationship with us and the only way we can do that is by Walking in the Spirit.

Many people who call themselves Christians get disillusioned or disappointed with their walk with God or Christianity. They thought their Christian life would be different, that it would be better.

The problem is not with God or Christianity. The problem is that we have made the assumption that all we need to do is pray a prayer to receive Jesus as Lord, and that's all there is. But anyone who stops there will live a very standard life in Christ.

Jesus called us to be disciples and a disciple is a disciplined student who is becoming like his or her teacher. Becoming a disciple doesn't happen overnight or automatically. Think about it, to become good at anything you must form good habits and practice them every day. The same is true with Walking in the Spirit and living a fulfilling spiritual life; you must develop a formation of good habits. Here are 6 simple, good spiritual habits, or SPIRITUAL

DISCIPLINES that, when regularly practiced, will completely change your life and give you the life changing relationship with Christ that you so much desire.

not just once a week.

1) Read and study the Word of God

God's Word helps us think right things. God's Word makes you wise; it gives you direction and warning.

2) Praying (in the Spirit or Tongues, and in your Natural Language)

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the Flesh.

Galatians 5: 16

Praying is simply spending time with God, and it must be a priority in your life if you want a deep relationship with Christ.

3) Giving

Giving is not God's method of raising money; it is His way of raising people into the likeness of His Son. When you give you are saying to God, "Everything I have is from You, and I honor you by putting your Kingdom first."

4) Worshiping God

God is looking for those who will worship Him on His terms. WORSHIP IS NOT ABOUT WHAT WE LIKE; IT'S ABOUT WHAT GOD LIKES. Worship is honoring God with what comes out of your mouth and how you live your life. You need a dose of Worship every day,

5) Being Active in Church

When you become a Christian you become part of His Family, the community of believers, and it is not God's will that you live your Christian life alone. Jesus came to build the Church...His Family. That is what being a disciple and discipleship is all about. We must practice the discipline of being active in a local Church for this to happen.

6) Fasting

Fasting is giving up food in order to spend time with God. It is a spiritual discipline found throughout the Bible. To experience a deep spiritual life, you must subdue your flesh, and fasting is one discipline that lets your body know who is BOSS. Note: you must be reading the Word of God and praying when you fast. Fasting without doing these two things is only a diet.

Jesus taught all 6 of these Spiritual Disciplines. He lived them and He modeled them, not because they are rules, but because they are all necessary for a deep relationship with God.

Practice these 6 things and your life will change forever.

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