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Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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The Celebration of Discipline: The Spiritual Disciplines

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2021 Focus: GOD Sight is Perfect

The Spiritual Disciplines

_____ without _____ is drudgery.

God's eternal plan ensures that _____ Christian will ultimately conform to _____.

Romans 8:29; I John 3:2

We aren't to _____ for holiness; we're to _____ it. **I Timothy 4:7**

THE MEANS TO GODLINESS

Spiritual disciplines are those _____ and _____ disciplines that promote _____ growth.

God uses three primary catalysts for _____ us and _____ us to Christlikeness:

1. **People:** _____ **Proverbs 27:17**
2. **Circumstances:** Various things are used in the hands of divine providence to _____ His chosen toward holiness.
3. **Spiritual disciplines:** God has given us the spiritual disciplines as a means of receiving His _____ and for growing in Godliness.

_____ is not an _____ for those who claim to be children of God. **I Peter 1:15-16**

By _____ the spiritual disciplines, we face the danger of bearing little _____ fruit.

Just as with natural gifts, spiritual gifts must be _____ by discipline in order to _____ spiritual fruit.

Spiritual disciplines are never _____ as long as we practice them with the _____ of Godliness in mind.

PERSEVERANCE IN THE DISCIPLINES

God's voice regarding _____ can best be heard while _____ the spiritual disciplines.

Instead of seeing the spiritual disciplines as additional _____ to life, they are actually one of the ways God uses to help _____ your load.

There are three things that can help you persevere in the practice of the spiritual disciplines: the Holy Spirit, the role of fellowship, and the role of struggle in Christian living.

The Role of the Holy Spirit

Wherever the Holy Spirit _____, His presence creates a _____ for holiness.

His office is to _____ Christ, and it is He who gives the believer a _____ to be like Christ. **Romans 8:29**

It is the role of the Holy Spirit to produce within us the desire and the _____ for the disciplines that lead to Godliness.

We must not _____ our hearts, but instead respond to His _____ if we desire to be Godly.

The Role of Fellowship

To measure _____ in Christlikeness only in terms of growth in fellowship with God is an _____ measurement.

The spiritual disciplines can have some non-public applications, but they were never meant to be practiced _____ from fellowship in the _____.

There is a common Christian failure to _____ between fellowship & _____.

Socializing involves the sharing of human and _____ life.

Christian fellowship, koinonia, involves the sharing of _____ life.

Without personal interaction about the mutual interest, problems, and aspirations of discipleship, our spiritual lives are _____. **Ephesians 4:16; Hebrews 3:13**

Fellowship is required to _____ one another.

The Role of Struggle

There is an element of _____ in Christian living. Don't be misled into thinking that if you drink from the _____ of God offered through the spiritual disciplines then living the Christian life will be easy.

Advance in the Christian life comes not by the work of the _____ alone, nor by our work alone, but by our _____ to and cooperating with the grace the Holy Spirit initiates and _____.

The _____ that we experience over the forces opposing our _____ in the disciplines will come through the _____ of the disciplines.