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Leviticus 19:2_{NLT}

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1 Peter 1:14-16_{NLT}

So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. ¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Galatians 4:19^{CSB}

My children, I am again suffering labor pains for you until Christ is formed in you.

John 14:27_{NLT}

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

Philippians 4:6-7_{NLT}

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Daniel 2:21_{NLT}

He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.

Proverbs 14:12^{NKJV}

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Matthew 7:13-14_{NLT}

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

The LAW:

Instructions and statutes to specifically shape the identity of God's people (internally & externally)

Leviticus 11:39-40_{NLT}

If an animal you are permitted to eat dies and you touch its carcass, you will be defiled until evening. ⁴⁰ If you eat any of its meat or carry away its carcass, you must wash your clothes, and you will remain defiled until evening.

Leviticus 11:41-43_{NLT}

All small animals that scurry along the ground are detestable, and you must never eat them. ⁴² This includes all animals that slither along on their bellies, as well as those with four legs and those with many feet. All such animals that scurry along the ground are detestable, and you must never eat them. ⁴³ Do not defile yourselves by touching them. You must not make yourselves ceremonially unclean because of them.

Leviticus 11:44-45_{NLT}

For I am the LORD your God. You must consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. So do not defile yourselves with any of these small animals that scurry along the ground. ⁴⁵ For I, the LORD, am the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. Therefore, you must be holy because I am holy.

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Leviticus 19:3_{NLT}

Each of you must show great respect for your mother and father, and you must always observe my Sabbath days of rest. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 19:11-14_{NLT}

Do not steal. Do not deceive or cheat one another. ¹² Do not bring shame on the name of your God by using it to swear falsely. I am the LORD. ¹³ Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. Do not make your hired workers wait until the next day to receive their pay. ¹⁴ Do not insult the deaf or cause the blind to stumble. You must fear your God; I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:15-18_{NLT}

Do not twist justice in legal matters by favoring the poor or being partial to the rich and powerful. Always judge people fairly. ¹⁶ Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people. Do not stand idly by when your neighbor's life is threatened. I am the LORD. ¹⁷ Do not nurse hatred in your heart for any of your relatives. Confront people directly so you will not be held guilty for their sin. ¹⁸ Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 20:26_{NLT}

You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own.

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Consecration: A statement that we are intentionally differently.

Romans 12:2^{NIV}

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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Spiritual Formation:

The ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, received through obedient participation, that reshapes, desire, character, and allegiance towards Christlikeness within the people of God.

Deformation:

the gradual, often unnoticed shaping of desire, identity, and behavior away from Christ, through disordered loves, rival narratives and unexamined participation in the fallen cultural systems.

**Deformation is what happens when
formation is left unattended.**

Something is always forming us...So we must be intentional about what that is.

Without intentional, spiritual formation, we become fluent in a language that the kingdom of God never taught.

Spiritual formation is not just a resistance to sin; it actively opposes deformation.

2 Thessalonians 2:3_{NLT}

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day*
(return of Christ) *will not come* unless the falling away
comes first,

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