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CALL TO WORSHIP

But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

-2 Corinthians 3:16-18



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42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Acts 2:42-47



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His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Spiritual formation for the Christian basically refers to the Spirit-driven process of forming the inner world of the human self in such a way that it becomes like the inner being of Christ himself." -Dallas Willard

2 Peter 1:3-4



Dynamic Holiness teaches that God delights in you & desires to use you for his glory.

TWO TYPES OF HOLINESS:

Static Holiness Holiness defined by what we don't do

Dynamic Holiness Holiness defined by being a fully active participant in the Kingdom of God



BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF DYNAMIC HOLINESS: DAVID

After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' -Acts 13:22 NIV

<u>JESUS</u>

I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. -Jhn. 17:4

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. -Matt. 3:8



Spiritual Formation is the process of God reorienting and habituating our hearts/lives.

BIBLICAL BASIS: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" -Jer. 17:9

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. -Pro. 4:23

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. -Lk. 6:45

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. -Mt. 6:21

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. -Jms. 4:8a

Spiritual Formation in the divine invitation to not just be gospel knowers but rather gospel practitioners.



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Some Disciplines (Not Extensive List) & Biblical Basis

1. Prayer — Mt. 6:5-15, 26:36-46; Ps. 51; Ps. 103, Ps. 150; Jms. 5:13-18 2. Meditation — Ps. 1:1-2; 119:97, 101-102 3. Silence & Solitude — Mt. 4:1-11, 17:1-9; Lk. 4; Lk. 6:12; Mk. 6:31 4. Simplicity — Ps. 62:10, Ex. 20:17; Pro. 11:28; Lk.6:20,24; Mt. 6:19-21 5. Worship — Ex. 20:3; Mt. 4:10; Rmns. 12:1-2 6. Fasting — Dan. 10:3; Est. 4:16; Acts 9:9; 1 Kin. 19:8; Joel 2:15; Mt. 6:16; Mt. 9:15; Lk. 4:2 7. Secrecy — Mt. 5:14-16; Mt. 6:1-4 8. Study — Pro. 3:1-2; Pro. 4:6-7; Ps. 119:15-16; 2 Tim. 2:15 9. Submission — Mk. 8:34, Jhn. 12:24-26; Phil. 2:1-11; Mt. 5:38-48; Eph. 5:21-6:9; Rmns. 13:1 10. Confession — Isa. 59:1-9; Lk. 15:11-24; Mt. 16:19 11. Service — Mt. 20:20-28; Jhn. 13:1-17; Col. 3:23-25; Rmns. 12:9-13; Lk. 10:29-37 12. Sabbath — Gen. 2:2-3; Ps. 23; Mt. 11:28-30 13. Generosity— 2 Cor. 9:6-15



HOW WE DESIRE TO BE FORMED AT GRACE TABLE:

A. WE DESIRE TO BE FORMED BY LEARNING ABOUT THE DISCIPLINES

Spiritual Formation Sermon Series
May-June 2024 | Show Examples From the Scriptures of Various Disciplines

B. WE DESIRE TO BE FORMED BY PRACTICING THE DISCIPLINES TOGETHER

 Corporately/Familial(ly)/Individually
Learn About/Practice a New Discipline Together Quarterly Prayer & Fasting Weekend, Retreats, Prayer & Worship Nights, Etc.
Give You Practical Ways To Practice the Disciplines With Your Family and Individually

C. WE DESIRE TO PRAY FOR YOU AS ELDERS IN 2024 -Fill out index card with your name and couple of ways we can pray for you as elders in 2024 -These cards will be 100% confidential amongst our elder team -Place cards in giving box in the back and we will collect them there



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BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



-2 Corinthians 13:14





