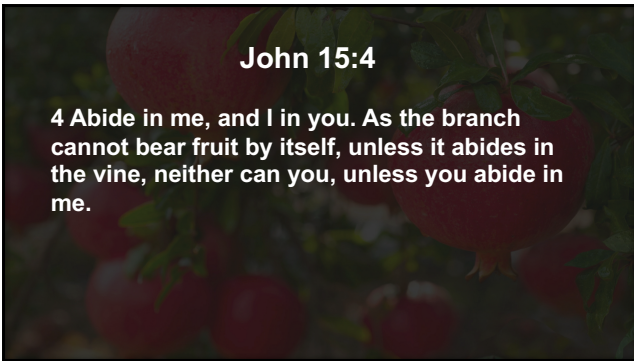
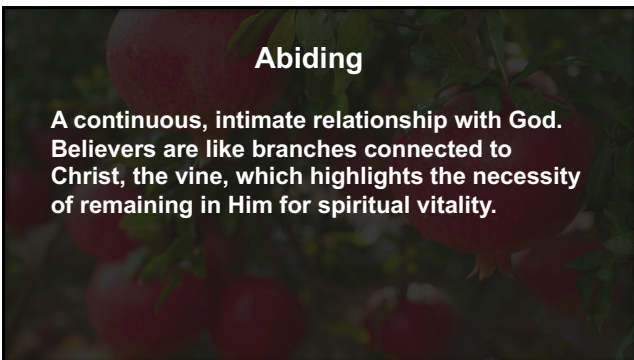




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Faithfulness

A continuous, intimate relationship with God. Believers are like branches connected to Christ, the vine, which highlights the necessity of remaining in Him for spiritual vitality.

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Characteristics of Faithfulness

Loyalty	Remaining steadfast in relationships and commitments.
Trustworthiness	Keeping promises and being reliable.
Devotion	Consistently serving God and others, even in difficult times.
Obedience	Following God's commands and guidance.

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Deuteronomy 7:9

9 "Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

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Psalm 89:8

8 Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

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Lamentations 3:22-23

22 Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.
23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

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All God's Attributes Are One

Infinite	Without Limits	Supernatural
Omniscience	All-Knowing	Discernment
Omnipotence	All-Powerful	Endurance
Immutability	Unchanging	Faithfulness

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All God's Attributes Are One

God's attributes are not isolated traits of His character but facets of His unified being. We can think of them separately but they cannot be separated.

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Hebrews 3:1-6

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

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Consider This:

1. Consider that God loves you so much He sent the ultimate Messenger, Christ Jesus.
2. Consider our High Priest: Jesus is the One who supremely represents us before the Father, and who represents the Father to us.

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Consider This:

When a people or a country is really important, you pick a really important person to be your ambassador to speak on your behalf. God cares for us so much that He put the ultimate mediator, the ultimate High Priest, between Himself and sinful man.

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Of Our Confession

The word "confession" means, "to say the same thing." When we confess our sin, we "say the same" about it that God does. In regard to salvation, all Christians "say the same thing" about their need for salvation and God's provision in Jesus.

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Hebrews 3:1-6

2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.
3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

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How was Moses Faithful?

- 1. Called a Servant of God
- 2. In the Hebrew 11 cloud of witnesses
- 3. He was steadfast over a life time of ministry
- 3. Christ was compared to Moses

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Hebrews 11:24-26

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

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Hebrews 11:27-29

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

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Hebrews 3:4-6

4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. 5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

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1 Corinthians 4:2

2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

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God's Faithfulness is a Foundation

Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness. Only as He is faithful will His covenants stand and His promises be honoured. Only as we have complete assurance that He is faithful may we live in peace and look forward with assurance to the life to come.

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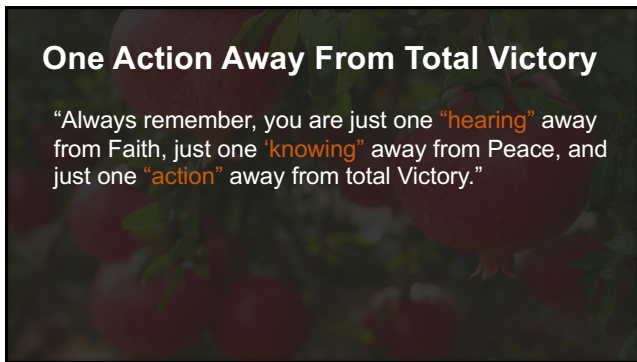
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Spiritual Disciplines	Inward	<i>Cultivate our heart and mind toward Christ</i>
		Meditation
		Prayer
		Fasting
		Study
	Outward	<i>Cultivate our appetites toward the way of Christ</i>
		Simplicity
		Solitude
		Submission
	Corporate	<i>Cultivate our affections toward the way of Christ</i>
		Confession
		Guidance
	Celebration	

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Inward Disciplines	Meditation	<i>Ability to hear God's voice and obey his word.</i>
	Prayer	<i>Prayer is ongoing dialogue with the Father about what we and God are doing together.</i>
	Fasting	<i>Fasting is the voluntary denial of an otherwise normal function for the sake of intense spiritual activity.</i>
	Study	<i>Process through which we bring the mind to conform to the order of whatever we are concentrating upon</i>

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Outward Disciplines	Simplicity	<i>Inward reality of single-eyed focus on God that results in an outward lifestyle free from clutter</i>
	Solitude	<i>Creating an open, empty space for God that undercuts all the false support systems we use to shore up our lives</i>
	Submission	<i>Ability to lay down the everlasting burden of needing to get our own way.</i>

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Corporate Disciplines

Confession Confession is the grace through which the sins and sorrows of the past are forgiven.

Guidance Guidance is the experience of knowing the theocratic rule of God over our lives.

Celebration Celebration is being, as Augustine said, "an alleluia from head to foot!"

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Goals of Fasting

1. Guidance: Revelation or Wisdom
2. Healing / Health
3. Victory Over Obstacles
4. Freedom From Besetting Sin
5. Focus and Power in Prayer
6. Increase in God's Favor

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Don'ts of Fasting

1. Don't fast as a religious exercise – It's a heart attitude
2. Don't fast without taking extra time to pray
3. Don't fast without a change in your normal schedule
4. Don't try to fast above your ability

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Do Fast

1. Do fast so your prayers become a cry to God.
2. Do fast to hear the voice of God clearly.
3. Do fast to give what you have to God.
4. Do fast to become a servant of righteousness.
5. Do fast to reveal true heart issues
6. Do fast to position yourself for God's favor.

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Tools of Fasting

1. Notebook
2. Bible
3. Solitary Location
4. Instrumental Music
5. Listen

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Fasting Advice

1. End a long Fast (> 3 days) gradually With Soups, Fruits and Vegetables
2. Coffee Drinkers Take Caution
3. Everyone Should Consider Fasting all types of media (TV, Video Games, Internet, Movies, etc)
4. Use The Time Gained By Not Eating to Read, Pray, Meditate, Praise

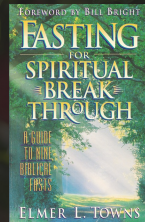
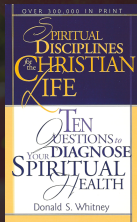
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Word of Warning

Some people might have **medical reasons** (pregnant mother, diabetic, anorexic / bulimia) that **will not allow them participate in a food abstinence fast**. You can participate in this fast by giving up favorite foods or activity (TV, Video Games, etc) without the need to abstain from all food.

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Resources on Spiritual Disciplines



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John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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