



Devotion

Winter 2023 w/Wednesday Night Crew

RECAP:

- Pr. O gone –
- Talking about Devotion & Devotions
 - Are they the same or are they different
 - Be ready – Going to be asking for participation this time...

SLIDE 4

Definition: Devotion

Websters 1828:

A solemn attention to the Supreme Being in worship; a yielding of the heart and affections to God, with reverence, faith and piety, in religious duties, particularly in prayer and meditation; devoutness.

profound dedication, a form of prayer or worship

SLIDE 5

1 Corinthians 7:35 - I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

SLIDE 6

PURPOSE:

TRANSFORMATION:

transform

(Gk. *metamorphoō*) (12:2; Matt. 17:2; 2 Cor. 3:18) Strong's #3339: The Greek word means "to change form," as does the English derivative *metamorphosis*. In the New Testament, this word is used to describe an inward renewal of our mind through which our inner spirit is changed into the likeness of Christ. Paul told the Roman believers: "Be transformed by the renewing of your minds" (12:2). As our Christian life progresses, we should gradually notice that our thought life is being changed from Christlessness to Christlikeness. Transformation does not happen overnight. Our regeneration is instantaneous, but our transformation is continuous. We are conformed to Christ's image gradually as we spend time in intimate fellowship with Him (see 2 Cor. 3:18).¹

¹ Radmacher, E. D., Allen, R. B., & House, H. W. (1997). [The Nelson Study Bible: New King James Version](#) (Ro 12:2). T. Nelson Publishers.



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SLIDE 7 & 8

Exodus 34:29-35

The Shining Face of Moses

²⁹ Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

³⁰ So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

³¹ Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

³² Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.

³⁴ But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded.

³⁵ And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.²

SLIDE 9

OT - Moses – he was transformed by being in the presence of the Lord

NT – 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with ***unveiled*** face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

*We all, with **open face**, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*
2 Cor. 3:18.

² Jack W. Hayford et al., eds., [New Spirit-Filled Life Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Bibles, 2002), Ex 34:29–35.



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SLIDE 10 & 11

From this Utmost Devotional:

January 23rd

Transformed by insight

The outstanding characteristic of a Christian is this unveiled frankness before God so that the life becomes a mirror for other lives. By being filled with the Spirit we are transformed, and by beholding we become mirrors. You always know when a man has been beholding the glory of the Lord, you feel in your inner spirit that he is the mirror of the Lord's own character. Beware of anything which would sully that mirror in you; it is nearly always a good thing, the good that is not the best.

The golden rule for your life and mine is this concentrated keeping of the life open towards God. Let everything else—work, clothes, food, everything on earth—go by the board, saving that one thing. The rush of other things always tends to obscure this concentration on God. We have to maintain ourselves in the place of beholding, keeping the life absolutely spiritual all through. Let other things come and go as they may, let other people criticize as they will, but never allow anything to obscure the life that is hid with Christ in God. Never be hurried out of the relationship of abiding in Him. It is the one thing that is apt to fluctuate but it ought not to. The severest discipline of a Christian's life is to learn how to keep "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord."

SLIDE 12

So... We are supposed to be veiled or unveiled now?

What does this look like in our lives?

Our Devotion to God

What does our Devotion to God look like?

SLIDE 13

The Message: Eph 3:16-17 I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit, not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength, that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in.



SLIDE 14

What word comes to mind when I say devotion?
TYPE ANSWERS ON COMPUTER

Praise? Prayer? Listen?

SLIDE 15

Blackabee: If you will immerse yourself daily in the word of God you will not be caught off guard when crises come. Your focus will already be on God and He will surely guide you through your difficult moments.

SLIDE 16

Prayer:

Billy Graham: prayer is really a place, a place where you meet God and have genuine conversation

Romans 8:26:

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession ^[a]for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

SLIDE 17

Praise

Blackabee pg 90 **Praise** is rooted not in circumstance of the moment but in the nature and trustworthiness of God. Pg 390 Praise is the spontaneous response of a grateful child of God in His presence.

SLIDE 18

Ps 91:2: I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart;

I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

² I will be glad and rejoice in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.



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SLIDE 19

Ps 33:1-3 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

² Praise the LORD with the harp;

[a] Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

³ Sing to Him a new song;

Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

SLIDE 20-22

PSALM 34:1-8 I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

² My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and He heard me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces were not ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard *him*,

And saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The [a]angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,

And delivers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD *is* good;

Blessed *is* the man *who* trusts in Him!

SLIDE 23 - How do you structure your devotional time?

SLIDE 24

2 Tim 3:16-17

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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Jeremiah 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;
For I am called by Your name,
O LORD God of hosts.

SLIDE 26-27

Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the [a]ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he [b]meditates day and night.
³ He shall be like a tree
Planted by the [c]rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

SLIDE 28

Matthew 7:24 “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

SLIDE 29

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

SLIDE 30

List found in a gratefulness journal:

Favorite moment of the day:

Kindness or word received or given:

Something seen in nature:

Accomplishment:

Five good things:

Goal for the day?



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SLIDE 31 – repeat of “What is Devotion” – read slide

SLIDE 32

What is Devotion:

Who is it based on?

Conversations with the Holy Spirit?

Veiled or Unveiled?

SLIDE 33

What is the plan? (Mechanics)

Ezra 7:10 - ¹⁰ For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek^[a] the Law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

2 Timothy 2:15 - ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

SLIDE 34 – type in ideas

Bible Reading?

Word for the year?

Devotional?