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# Oasis Sunday School Class

## SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE- PERSISTENCE

- TRUTH- Laziness NEVER LEADS TO GODLINESS
- GOD MAKES CHRIST-LIKE PEOPLE OUT OF busy PEOPLE THROUGH SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES.
- SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES ARE THE GOD GIVEN MEANS BY WHICH BUSY BELIEVERS BECOME LIKE Christ
- WITHOUT practicing THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES, WE WILL NOT BE GODLY
- TODAY'S LESSON CALLS FOR perseverance

3 MATTERS THAT HELP US PERSEVERE IN THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

1. THE ROLE OF THE Holy Spirit
2. THE ROLE OF fellowship
3. THE ROLE OF Struggle IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

### THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

JOHN 15:4- ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOUR, AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, SO NEITHER CAN YOU UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME. I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES; HE WHO ABIDES IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT, FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 IN HIM, YOU ALSO, AFTER LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION-HAVING ALSO BELIEVED, YOU WERE SEALED IN HIM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE, WHO IS GIVEN AS A PLEDGE OF OUR INHERITANCE, WITH A VIEW TO THE REDEMPTION OF GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.

- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE DIRECTING OUR Sanctification

PHIL. 2:12-13 SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

### THE TRINITY:

- GOD THE FATHER IS SEATED ON HIS throne IN HEAVEN
- JESUS IS SEATED AT THE FATHER'S Right HAND
- THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ON EARTH IN THE Church
- HE CAME TO EARTH AT Pentacost

Jehova - The Great I Am

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ACTS 1:8 BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND EVEN TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH.

JOHN 16:5-11 BUT NOW I AM GOING TO HIM WHO SENT ME; AND NONE OF YOU ASKS ME, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? BUT BECAUSE I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU, SORROW HAS FILLED YOUR HEART. BUT I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY; FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY. THE HELPER WILL NOT COME TO YOU; BUT IF I GO, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU. AND HE, WHEN HE COMES, WILL CONVICT THE WORLD CONCERNING SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGMENT; CONCERNING SIN, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME; AND CONCERNING RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE I GO TO THE FATHER AND YOU NO LONGER SEE ME; AND CONCERNING JUDGMENT, BECAUSE THE RULER OF THIS WORLD HAS BEEN JUDGED.

13-15 BUT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH COMES, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH; FOR HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, BUT WHATEVER HE HEARS, HE WILL SPEAK; AND HE WILL DISCLOSE IT TO YOU. ALL THINGS THAT THE FATHER HAS ARE MINE; THEREFORE I SAID THAT HE TAKES OF MINE AND WILL DISCLOSE IT TO YOU.

HOLY SPIRIT'S JOB DESCRIPTION:

- CONVICT OF Sin
- CONVICT OF Righteousness
- CONVICT OF Judgement
- GUIDE US INTO ALL truth
- SPEAK THE WORD OF Jesus
- ENLIGHTEN OUR heart

TRUTH- IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BECOME GODLY, TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST:

- APART FROM THE Holy Spirit
- APART FROM submitting TO HIS TRANSFORMING INSTRUCTION AND POWER

JERRY BRIDGES- "A MAJOR TEMPTATION IN THE SELF-DICIPLINE APPROACH TO HOLINESS, HOWEVER, IS TO RELY ON A REGIMENT OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES INSTEAD OF RELYING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT, I BELIEVE IN SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES. I SEEK TO PRACTICE THEM.....BUT THOSE DISCIPLINES ARE NOT THE SOURCE OF YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS, AND IT IS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO APPLY HIS STRENGTH TO OUR LIVES.

TAKE AWAY FROM ABOVE QUOTE:

1. WE DON'T WANT TO rely ON A REGIMENT OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES INSTEAD OF RELYING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT
2. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE source OF OUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH THROUGH THE MINSITR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT APPLYING HIS STRENGTH TO OUR LIVES
3. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES ARE effective WHEN THEY ARE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

