

“Devotions and Prayer are Overrated” Galatians 2:20-21

Approaches to Devotions:

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Big Idea: Spiritual disciplines do not make us more _____ to God....They make _____ more _____ to us.

Practicing Spiritual Disciplines:

A. A _____ approach:

- _____ God:

-One _____ fits all:

- _____, not rules:

B. A _____ approach:

1. Motivated by the _____

2. Motivated by our _____

3. Motivated by spiritual _____

Immaturity

Maturity

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Applications and Conclusions:

Day One

Read: John 14:1-15

Discuss:

- Who is the only way to the Father?
- Verse 15.

Pray:

Missionaries

Day Two

Read: John 14:16-31

Discuss:

- Who is the Helper?

Pray:

Unsaved

Day Three

Read: Exodus 11

Discuss:

- What is a firstborn?
- Did this plague affect everyone?
- Did this plague affect the animals?

Prayer requests:

Pastors and church ministries

Day Four

Read: Proverbs 11

Discuss:

- In verse 1, what is a false balance?
- Why is it so bad?
- Can you think of modern examples?

Pray:

Government and military

Day Five

Read: Romans 11

Discuss:

- Paul’s response in 33-36.
- When Paul couldn’t understand everything, he still praised God. How can we do the same?

Pray:

Friends and family



Follow Up Study Questions

For the week of December 7, 2009

1. What is something you've found particularly helpful for your own spiritual growth (e.g. reading, memorization, prayer journals)? Why?
2. Read Hebrews 5:11:14. What are the descriptive phrases that describe immature believers?
3. On the other hand, what are the implications from Hebrews 5 about spiritually mature people?
4. When we make spiritual disciplines the means to pleasing God, we have essentially become legalists. How does that affect our view of Christ and the Gospel? Read Galatians 2:19-3:5
5. A wrong view of spiritual disciplines is the same as "Christ plus _____" equals pleasing God. What's in the blank for you?