

THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

THE SIMPLE LIFE #3 Developing Christ-likeness By Louie Marsh, 10-16-17-2010

FOUR WAYS TO DEVELOP MY CHRISTLIKENESS:

1) Make _____ a priority in my life.

so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:5 (NIV)

- Real fellowship requires _____
- It is best practiced in _____

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, Acts 2:46 (NIV)

2) Start acting like God does and _____

But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

- When I give I'm acting in _____

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;...Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; Proverbs 3: 5,0 (NIV)

- How Should I Give?

○ _____

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

○ _____

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

○ _____

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. 2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (NIV)

○ _____

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

3) _____ regularly in prayer.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12 (NIV)

When I Pray I Need To Be...

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"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. Matthew 6:5 (NIV)

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And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:7-8 (NIV)

4) Focus on Jesus by _____

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Psalm 1:2-3 (NIV)

- Meditation is _____ about Scripture.
- It draws me _____

*And all of us, with unveiled faces, **seeing the glory** of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.* 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NRSV)

- It gives me power to _____

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8 (NIV)