

## Simple Summer, Part 1

### Devote Myself To God: How Devotion Shapes My Destiny

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**Devote =**

#### 1) A LIFE TRUTH: I \_\_\_\_\_ what I'm devoted too.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: Luke 2:25-28 (NIV)

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. John 12:4-6 (NIV)

#### 2) A Lack Of Devotion To God Leads To...

- Missed \_\_\_\_\_

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. Acts 15:36-40 (ESV)

- A \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:7 (NIV)

- My \_\_\_\_\_ at the critical moment.

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! 2 Timothy 4:16 (ESV)

So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good. 1 Peter 4:19 (NIV)

- Being \_\_\_\_\_

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV)

#### 3) How can I deepen my Devotion to God?

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)

- Devote myself to \_\_\_\_\_

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

- Devote myself to \_\_\_\_\_

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32 (NIV)

- Devote myself to \_\_\_\_\_

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10 (NIV)

#### 4) How do I know I'm deepening my devotion to God?

I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:35 (NIV)

I'm trying to be helpful and make it as easy as possible for you, not make things harder. All I want is for you to be able to develop a way of life in which you can spend plenty of time together with the Master without a lot of distractions. 1 Corinthians 7:35 (MSG)

- I'm a man or woman of my \_\_\_\_\_

Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Matthew 5:37 (NIV)