



LESSON 2 – DEVOTING Myself to God

“There is nothing more important than your relationship with God: All other things in life pale in comparison to a relationship with God.”
- Brian Van Dyke, Simple Life Devotional

CONNECT 15 Minutes



What are some things the world is devoted too? How can you tell they are devoted to them?

Who was or is the most devoted person you know? What impact on your life has their devotion had?

GROW 45 Minutes



Key Verse

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

The foundation of spiritual growth is your understanding of God's Word. Each week, bring your Bible and your study guide to the group meeting.

Watch the video now. Follow along in your Bibles and take notes on the provided outline.

THE SIMPLE LIFE, LESSON #2

1) Why are people busy?

- To _____
- To _____
- To _____
- Because they've bought into our culture's _____

2) Devotion means you are only committed to _____

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

- Fan = _____

Jesus answered him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37 (GW)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

3) How can we worship personally or as a family?

- Read and Meditate on _____
- Pray _____
- Praise _____

TWO KINDS OF PRAISE:

- _____
- _____

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
Psalm 145:2-9 (NIV)

- **Look for God's actions &** _____

4) In the largest sense worship is a _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Now's the time to talk about what you just heard. Feel free to ask any questions you have, but always be respectful and listen to others.

- 1) Which of the 3 reasons Brian gave for why people are so busy applies most closely to you?
- 2) How much have you been impacted by our cultures demand that we must be busy? Is this impact good, bad, or both?
- 3) Should Christian be fanatics for Jesus? Why or why not?
- 4) Do you intentionally worship God at any time other than the church's worship service?

5) Do you meditate on the Word of God when you worship God privately? How would you define meditation?

6) What part does Prayer and Praise play in your worship?



PRAY