



Private Disciplines

1. Discipline, the root of discipleship

1 Timothy 4:7-8

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

- Spiritual growth takes _____ and _____.
- Having a growing _____ in God is a result of a growing _____ in his Word.
- The start of _____ with God is _____ of God.

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Psalm 1:1-6

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³He 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. ⁴Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

- In _____ times, we need to cling to that which is _____.

2. A picture is worth a thousand words

A. _____

Jeremiah 18:3-4

So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Isaiah 64:8

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Lessons from a Potter's Wheel

1. Recognize your _____
2. Be _____ (Psalm 46:10)
3. Add _____ (Ephesians 5:25-27)
4. _____ and _____ (Psalm 32:4-5)

- When I go to the Word, I am being shaped into something beautiful, _____ and _____.

B. _____

Genesis 1:3

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Revelation 19:11-15

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Hebrews 4:11-13

Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- When I go to the Word I am throwing up my sail to catch _____ for my life.

C. _____ gear

John 17:15-17

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Isaiah 40:30-31

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Diving deeper into the Word allows me to rise high _____ the _____.