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Jesus At The Center

Spiritual Disciplines Don't Change Us, God Does

You Can't Microwave Maturity

Luke 2:52 - *Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.*

Hebrews 5:8-9 - *Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.*

Intimacy Is The Fuel To Help Us Finish Well

Luke 6:12 - *One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.*

His Pace Of Ministry Never Surpassed His Spiritual Pace

Ephesians 3:16 - *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being* NIV

2 Corinthians 4:16 - *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.* ESV

The Spirit Provides Us With The Moral Authority To Stand For Christ And To Serve Him

Seeking God Must Be Our Very First Thing

Matthew 6:33 - *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

He Must Be The Center Of Our Lives

Jesus Influencing Everything On The List

Colossians 1:15-18 - *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. ¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.*

Hebrews 1:2-3 - *And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. ³ The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.*

Give Him First Place In All Our Thoughts And Happenings

Luke 9:23 - *Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.*

Jesus's Idea Of Self-Denial Is Immediate And Practical