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'THE POWER OF PRIORITIES'

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."
~ Matthew 6:33

One Key Truth today: You cannot have it all!

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."
~1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Paul teaches there is a big difference between training and trying.

To train means that I arrange my life around those activities that enable me to do what I cannot do now by direct effort.
"...train yourself to be Godly."
~Timothy 4:7

"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." ~Luke 6:40

Three Areas of Growth in Our Walk with God:

1. Spiritual Practices.

a. Solitude

"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."
~Luke 5:16

b. **Gathering together for worship**

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” ~Hebrews 10:24-25

“He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom.” ~ Luke 4:16

2. Spiritual **Experiences**

a. **Serving**

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” ~Matthew 10:45

b. **Suffering**

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” ~James 1:2-3

3. Spiritual **Relationships**

I need...

a. Spiritual **Friendship**

b. People far **from God**

