Deliberate Experiences and Expressions of **P**ractice Part 4

Made Alive

REVIEW:

Definition of Spiritual Disciplines:

- ¹ methods of ______ and learning
- ² training that develops self-control
- ³ practices of obedience
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 efforts to _____ more intimately with God
- ⁵ voluntary systems that can produce spiritual maturity

Spiritual Disciplines:

Conscious: Bible Study, Prayer, Serving Corporate: Submit to Teaching, Worship, Giving Courageous: Meditation, Fasting, Shutting out the noise

Contrasting: Confession, Simplicity, Sacrifice

A Critical Key to Christianity & Spiritual Disciplines

The emphasis is not to simply do things better, harder or longer.

The goal is that our _____ changes and our relationship with God is _____.

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our old Self

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We must be diligent in the old mode of operation.

For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. Romans 6:6

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

... "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. Luke 9:23

(Jesus) ... 'You must be born again.' John 3:7

Ephesians 4:17-19

For as he thinks within himself, so he is. ... Prov. 23:7 NASB

Do not conform 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 12:2

Our thinking forms that feed our emotions.

Five forms of common thinking:

D	_; assessing image, value & judgements
	Worth
D	_; captured by interests, content, & pressures
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D	_; triggered by critical or opposing views
	Love
D	_; driven by desires, rights & comparisons
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D ; drained by disappointments & difficulties Hope

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by God to live a new life 4:24

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being. Ephesians 3:16

being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, Colossians 1:11

There is a great freedom in on God.

Optional Readings: God focuses on and knows our heart. **1** Samuel 16⁷ **1** Kings 8³⁹ Psalm 19¹⁴ 26² 44²¹ 139²³ Prov. 15¹¹ 21² Isaiah 29¹³ Jeremiah 17⁹⁻¹⁰ Matthew 15⁸ Mark 7^{6-7 & 21-23} Luke 16¹⁵ Romans 10¹⁰

5-25-25 Turn to Ephesians 4:20-24

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