

Devotions 2022: May 9 to May 15

For daily devotions I am going to start using My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers.

Monday: Reaching Beyond Our Grasp

Proverbs 29:18 - Where there is not revelation [or prophetic vision], the people cast off restraint...

Is our attitude today an attitude that flows from our vision of God? Are we expecting God to do greater things than He has ever before done? Is there a freshness and a vitality in our spiritual outlook?

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Tuesday: Take The Initiative

2 Peter 1:5 -add to your faith virtue...

We cannot save nor sanctify ourselves; God does that. But God will not give us good habits or character, and He will not force us to walk correctly before Him. We have to do all that ourselves. To take the initiative is to make a beginning; to instruct yourself in the way you must go.

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Wednesday: "Love One Another"

2 Peter 1:5-7 -add to your....brotherly kindness love.

He is saying, "I will bring a number of people around you whom you cannot respect, but you must exhibit My love to them, just as I have exhibited it to you." The knowledge that God has loved me beyond all limits will compel me to go into the world to love others the same way.

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Thursday: The Habit Of Having No Habits

2 Peter 1:8 - If these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful...

Your god may be your little Christian habit; the habit of prayer or Bible reading at certain times of your day. Watch how your Father will upset your schedule if you begin to worship your habit, instead of what the habit symbolizes. The right thing to do with godly habits is to immerse them in the life of the Lord until they become such an automatic expression our lives that we are no longer aware of them.

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Friday: The Habit Of Keeping A Clear Conscience

Acts 24:16 - ...strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

If I am in the habit of continually holding God's standard in front of me, my conscience will always direct me to God's perfect law and indicate what I should do. The question is, will I obey? I have to make an effort to keep my conscience so sensitive that I can live without any offense toward anyone.

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Saturday: The Habit Of Enjoying Adversity

2 Corinthians 4:10 - ...that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

It is adversity that makes us exhibit His life in our mortal flesh. Is my life exhibiting the essence of the sweetness of the Son of God, or just the basic irritation of "myself" that I would have apart from Him? The only thing that will enable me to enjoy adversity is the acute sense of eagerness of allowing the life of the Son of God to evidence itself in me.

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Sunday: The Habit Of Rising To The Occasion

Ephesians 1:18 - ...that you may know what is the hope of His calling...

God is the master designer, and He allow adversities into your life to see if you can jump over them properly: “By my God I can leap over a wall”(Psalm 18:29). Rise to the occasion; do what the trial demands of you. It does not matter how much it hurts as long as it gives God the opportunity to manifest the life of Jesus in you body.

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