

## **Devotions 2022: December 5 to December 11**

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

**Monday:**           The temple of the Holy Spirit

*Genesis 41:40 - ...only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.*

What I must decide is whether or not I will agree with my Lord and Master that my body will indeed be His temple. Once I agree, all the rules, regulations, and requirements of the law concerning the body are summed up for me in this revealed truth; my body is “the temple of the Holy Spirit.”

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**Tuesday:**           “My Rainbow in the Cloud”

*Genesis 9:13 - I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.*

When I have really transacted business with God on the basis of His covenant, letting everything else go, there is no sense of personal achievement; no human ingredient in it at all. Instead, there is a complete overwhelming sense of being brought into union with God, and my life is transformed and radiates peace and joy.

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**Wednesday:** Repentance

*2 Corinthians 7:10 - Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation...*

The foundation of Christianity is repentance. Strictly speaking, a person cannot repent when he chooses; repentance is a gift of God. If you ever cease to understand the value of repentance, you allow yourself to remain in sin. Examine yourself to see if you have forgotten how to be truly repentant.

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**Thursday:** The Impartial Power of God

*Hebrew 10:14 - By one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.*

No matter who or what we are, God restores us to right standing with Himself only by means of the death of Jesus Christ. God is just in saving bad people only as He makes them good. The atonement by the Cross of Christ is the propitiation God uses to make unholy people holy.

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**Friday:** The Opposition of the Natural

*Galatians 5:24 - Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

Once we come to understand that natural moral excellence opposes or counteracts surrender to God, we bring our soul into the center of its greatest battle. The cost to your natural life is not just one or two things, but everything. Beware of refusing to go to the funeral of your own independence.

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**Saturday:**                      The Offering of the Natural

*Galatians 4:22 - It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.*

Paul was not dealing with sin in this chapter of Galatians, but with the relation of the natural to the spiritual. The natural can be turned into the spiritual only through sacrifice. This is not god's perfect will, but His permissive will. God's perfect will is for the natural to be changed into the spiritual through obedience. Sin is what made it necessary for the natural to be sacrificed.

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**Sunday:**                      Individuality

*Matthew 16:24 - Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself..."*

We hinder our spiritual growth more than any other way by continually asserting our individuality. God wants to bring you into union with Himself, but unless you are willing to give up your right to yourself, He cannot. "...let him deny himself..." Then the real life; the spiritual life; is allowed the opportunity to grow.

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