

## **Devotions 2022: September 12 to September 18**

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

**Monday:**           Going Through Spiritual Confusion

*Matthew 20:22 - Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask."*

God takes you through a way that you temporarily do not understand. And it is only by going through the spiritual confusion that you will come to understanding of what God wants for you.

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**Tuesday:**           After Surrender – Then What?

*John 17:4 - I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*

The greatest crisis we ever face is the surrender of our will. Yet God never forces a person's will into surrender, and He never begs. He patiently waits until that person willingly yields to Him. And once that battle has been fought, it never needs to be fought again.

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**Wednesday:**       Arguments or Obedience?

*2 Corinthians 11:3 - ...the simplicity that is in Christ.*

Spiritual confusion can only be conquered through obedience. As soon as we obey, we have discernment. When our natural power of sight is devoted and submitted in obedience to the Holy Spirit, it becomes the very power by which we perceive God's will, and our entire life is kept in simplicity.

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**Thursday:**           What To Renounce

*2 Corinthians 4:2 – We have renounced the hidden things of shame....*

You must maintain continual watchfulness so that nothing arises in your life that would cause you shame. God has called you to a higher standard. Never dull your sense of being your utmost for His highest – your best for His glory.

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**Friday:**           Praying To God In Secret

*Matthew 6:6 – When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place...*

Have no motivation other than to know your Father in heaven. It is impossible to carry on your life as a disciple without definite times of secret prayer.

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**Saturday:**       Is There Good In Temptation

*1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man....*

Temptation itself is not sin; it is something we are bound to face simply by virtue of being human. Temptation is not something we can escape; in fact, it is essential to the well-rounded life of a person. God does not save us from temptations – He sustains us in the midst of them.

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**Sunday:** His Temptation and Ours

*Hebrews 4:15 - We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

Satan does not tempt us just to make us do wrong things – he tempts us to make us lose what God has put into us through regeneration, namely, the possibility of being of value to God.

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