



Attribute 5: Living an integrated life with proper life priorities

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1 Peter 5:8

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Matthew 16:26

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

Psalms 119:35-37

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

We often talk about the various parts of life--family, church, work, friends, and recreation--in terms of departments, compartments or silos. When we do this we may fail to see and experience the unifying thread of God at work in every aspect of our life.

Living an integrated life starts with recognizing that God cares about every aspect of our life. We recognize that He is involved in every facet and connects every part. There is no dis-integration where God is at work and His work is especially seen as he works within us and within our relationships (1 John 4:12).

Transformation comes from seeing and experiencing God (Father, Son and Spirit) at work in our lives, in every relationship and activity. As I have experienced more of his unifying work in my life I have come to realize that He has uniquely designed, gifted, and prepared me to live out his call. He has prepared me to be a Marketplace Ambassador.

Because God treasure's people I exercise great care in my relationships as we experience His truth, love, and grace together. One of the most valuable resources God has given is time and because I understand His priorities I start with my relationship with Him. Everything else flows from that, my relationships with my spouse and family, and my relationship with others.

Living out God's unique design and calling is the most rewarding and exciting way to live. With my priorities set on eternal things, I'm working as unto the Lord, cherishing people and experiencing God's transformational power.

WHAT IDEA(S) DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?

Read: 1 Peter 5:8; Matthew 16:26; Mark 12:30; Galatians 2:20; Luke 12:15, Matthew 6:19-21

WHICH VERSES DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER REFLECTION?

Group Exploration

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT LEAD US TO LIVE A DISINTEGRATED LIFE OF COMPARTMENTALIZATION RATHER THAN AN INTEGRATED LIFE WITH PROPER LIFE PRIORITIES? WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

HOW WOULD IT LOOK IF YOU COULD SEE AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S UNIFYING WORK IN EVERY ASPECT OF MY LIFE?

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS TO DETERMINE AND ESTABLISH PROPER LIFE PRIORITIES?

IN WHAT WAY MIGHT YOUR LIFE BE DIFFERENT IF YOU ALLOWED GOD TO PUT HIS HEART FOR PEOPLE IN YOU AND YOU PURPOSED TO WORK "AS UNTO THE LORD"?

Personal Application

WHAT WILL YOU START DOING TODAY THAT WILL HELP YOU RECOGNIZE GOD'S UNIFYING WORK IN EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE?

WHAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU NEED TO LIVE AN INTEGRATED LIFE WITH PROPER LIFE PRIORITIES? WHERE WILL YOU GET THAT HELP?

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