

Transformation Journal

January 31

Daily Devotions for the week of January 31, 2010

Monday: Review yesterdays notes. The love described in this chapter is the way Jesus lived. In other words the description of love here is a description of how Jesus lived his life. Being an apprentice of Jesus opens up this kind of love and live to you as well.

Scripture: Read 1 Corinthians 13

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Human beings learn how to live from others. There are no exceptions. From whom have you learned how to live?
2. Do you want to be an apprentice of Jesus, learning a life of love from him? Being an apprentice requires a decision.

Prayer Focus

Pray about your decision to learn life from Jesus. Pray about what you might learn from him. Imagine the kind of life you can have by being a great student of Jesus.

Tuesday: *The rest of the passages this week give glimpses of the kind of life we grow into as an apprentice of Jesus. Paul writes here about how our new life in Christ is different from other alternatives. He encourages us to stay focused on Christ and his way. Note the importance of the Christian community in learning life from Jesus.*

Scripture: Read Colossians 3:1-17

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. Why is it so difficult to remove or shed our “old nature”?
2. Which aspect of Christ’s character do you need to clothe yourself with, in relation to your husband or wife? Your parents or children? Your employer or employees? A changing relationships?

Prayer Focus

Pray to be clothed with Christ’s character so that your relationships might be abundant.

Wednesday: *Peter also describes the inward transformation that happens to those who learn life from Jesus. As apprentices of Jesus, we are being built into a spiritual house and shaped as people that proclaim the mighty acts of God.*

Scripture: Read 1 Peter 2:1-10

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How much of you are you letting Christ shape (25%? 50%, 75%. 100%)? What part of your life, if any, are you holding back? Why?
2. How do you respond to the description of you in verse 9?

Prayer Focus

Pray that we might find new people who desire to be apprentices of Jesus. Pray that God would lead our church to be a place where disciples are made.

Thursday: *Being an apprentice of Jesus ultimately means to “become participants in the divine life.” When we share in God’s life, goodness, knowledge, self-control, endurance, godliness, mutual affection and ultimately love is the result.*

Scripture: Read 2 Peter 1:1-15

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How eager are you to “confirm your call and election?” (verse 10)
2. Do you believe Christ makes available to you everything you need for life? Do you trust that he is the best source for the life you want to live?
3. What do you want to learn from Jesus today?

Prayer Focus

Pray that the Holy Spirit will make apparent what Jesus wants to teach you today. Pray that you will not miss the opportunity.

Friday: *Today’s reading is a little longer than usual. It is an extended reflection on love as the primary fruit of learning life from Jesus. Love is not a feeling it is an action that shapes all action in our lives.*

Scripture: Read 1 John 3:1-5:5

Observations _____

Name Personal Applications _____

Journal Questions

1. How can you practice Jesus-like love ? With your family? With a friend? At church? In politics? In social issues? With a difficult person? With a person in need?

Prayer Focus

Give thanks in prayer because of the reality of the truth behind chapter 3 verse 1.

Saturday – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications.