

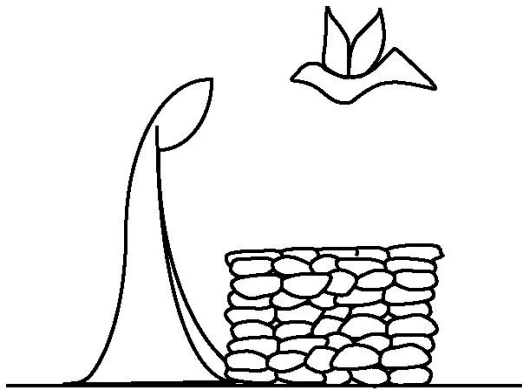


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Simple Rules

*Rules God has given us to learn about,
grow from, and be blessed by
I Timothy 4*

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Just a Few Simple Rules

In life there are few rules that we break. I think it is our general nature as humans to be law abiding. We know better than to act out of our anger. We know not to break our country's laws as well as the laws laid before in the Bible. I was, and maybe you were as well, the kind of child who never really broke any rule at school or at home. And I think I still in many ways carry with me that same rule-abiding bone in my body. You probably do, as well. Whether we are afraid of getting into some kind of trouble or we think that breaking some particular rule is actually wrong, we stick to the rules we are given, no matter what situation we are facing.

As Christians, we try so hard to be the best at serving God as humanly possible. We study, pray and fellowship, and while doing so we learn so much about ourselves and we deepen our personal relationships with God. That is each of our goals as Christians, I'm sure.

Recently I was studying in Timothy. It was here that I found a great cluster of simple rules we all easily can abide by. These rules help mold and shape us to be better servants for our Heavenly Father; they better our lives in Christ. The Bible says, actually also in this chapter (it's a good chapter!), that if we remember and practice these things in our Christian walks, then we will be good ministers of Jesus Christ. And isn't this our ultimate goals? I know it certainly is mine. That same verse says that in doing these things, we become filled up to overflowing with spiritual nourishment (1 Timothy

4:6). It builds us up in faith, which is something that we can never ever be completely filled with inside.

Okay, so here are just a few, almost too-simple rules or guidelines that we each can abide in order to grow in Jesus Christ. Just see how many of these you already live by and which ones you might need to improve just a little bit.

- **Simple Rule No. 1:** *But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness (1 Timothy 4:7).*
- **Simple Rule No. 2:** *For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come (1 Timothy 4:8).*
- **Simple Rule No. 3:** *For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe (1 Timothy 4:10).*
- **Simple Rule No. 4:** *These things command and teach (1 Timothy 4:11).*
- **Simple Rule No. 5:** *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (1 Timothy 4:12).*
- **Simple Rule No. 6:** *Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with*

the laying on of the hands of the presbytery (1 Timothy 4:14).

- **Simple Rule No. 7:** *Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Timothy 4:15).*

See, how easy these rules are? Now, what I would love for you to do is print this devotion out. Then, go through each rule and look up the verses in your Bible. I know that each verse is listed here as well, but looking them up in your own Bible helps you to really think about what is before you. Next, in your prayer or study journal, I'd like for you to list the rules in order of simplicity to you. Which ones are "no-brainers" for you? Which ones do you really have to work at to abide by? After you've organized your list, go back to each one and jot down your thoughts about each one. How important is each rule to you? How important to you are all of these rules as a whole?

No, I am not studying to be a teacher and I'm not trying to delve out homework, but doing this helps us all to linger in the Scriptures. Linger leads to our ears and hearts opening to hear the ever-present Holy Spirit. So many times, we will miss the whisper of the Holy Spirit simply because our ears and hearts are not listening.

I've recently become acquainted with a quote. I'm not sure who originally said it, but I am taking this on as one of my life sayings. I encourage you to read it and see if you should use it as well. It simply says, "Holy Spirit, think through me until your thoughts are my thoughts."

Exercise, Exercise, Exercise Your Godliness

I believe that sometimes it is healthy for us to go back to the basics. Instead of always cramming our brains with complicated concepts, sometimes we learn so much more from one simple thought. It is said that an adult can learn so much from having a conversation with a child as opposed to an adult. One of my most recent devotions, which I encourage you to read before this one, is entitled, "Just a Few Simple Rules." There were seven rules I listed, and the list is just a few extremely simple, uncomplicated rules and/or guidelines that each of us can abide by in order to grow in God and improve our personal relationships with Him.

So, here is the first in a new series highlighting these simple rules. Today we will think about the first rule listed, which says:

Simple Rule No. 1: But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness (1 Timothy 4:7).

For many of us, it is not that difficult to avoid profane language and to not pay attention to nonsense we hear. And it's not even impossible for us to try to be as holy and Godly and Christian-like as possible. But, you know, the Bible says to "exercise" ourselves to godliness. Think about that.

Just think of the purposes of exercising our physical bodies. We exercise to do a few things:

- to develop muscles;
- to lose weight;
- to become more fit, and
- to become more healthful.

Now apply that to our personal relationships with God. In a nutshell we study the Bible and pray in order to become the best, most useful servant of God as earthly possible. And to mirror the reasons of our physical exercising, we study the Bible, pray to our Savior, and worship Him for the following similar reasons.

- **Develop and use our individual Christian gifts.** II Timothy 2:15 says: *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* Ephesians 4:16 says that each of us has a specific job or several jobs to do, and when we all work together for the one common purpose of pleasing and serving our Lord and Savior, He is glorified. *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*
- **Lose the weight of the world** we sometimes bear on our shoulders. He simply says to, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,*

and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28). When we exercise our godliness, we lose the ideas the world places upon us and instead we focus on God's Word and will for each of us. The Bible does say, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). In addition to this, Mark 16:15 says to, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

- **Be spiritually fit and ready for whatever comes our way.** II Timothy 4:2 says, *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."* The world throws countless curveballs at all of us at all points in our lives, including vulnerable times. Even during these times, we must study to be spiritually fit for those curveballs and fastballs.
- **Be the best we can be.** As I write this, I realize how cliché that phrase sounds, however it rings true nonetheless. This verse sums it up wonderfully. *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," (Romans 12:1-2).* Whatever we do, it must be to the glory of God. If it isn't, then don't do it. It's truly that simple. *"Sanctify yourselves*

therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God," (Leviticus 20:7).

So folks, exercise your godliness. Be spiritually fit – it's really not so impossible to accomplish. It is so rewarding and the benefits of being godly are literally out of this world!

The Promise

In our previous devotion regarding simple rules, we learned about exercising ourselves with godliness from 1 Timothy 4:7. This devotion also focuses on godliness, however I would like us to dig just a little deeper and think about the wonderful “promises of life” we are blessed to utilize in each of our lives.

Simple Rule No. 2 says: *For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come, (1 Timothy 4:8).*

When I think of all of His promises, I think about why we so often neglect to embrace these promises. For example, I wonder why we worry so much. Why do we allow ourselves to get so stressed out at the drop of a hat? It seems to me that we all know that just as soon as we accomplish A through Z on our to-do lists, we'll no longer be troubled by our current situations. I'll never truly understand this phenomenon! I mean it really is a no-brainer to allow God to work through us. He is the Captain of our lives. I know many of you have seen the bumper sticker that says, “God is my co-pilot.” Why do we oftentimes feel like we are flying solo?

Most of us understand that we don't have to live our lives alone. We know that we have God right there with us every step of the way, guiding our paths if only we let

Him. Why are there so many times we don't let Him walk us through our stressful lives? See, we have the promise that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). And we know that “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever,*” (Hebrews 15:8). So, knowing these promises and knowing that there are so many more promises of God, how do we not exercise our godliness or embrace the promises mentioned right here?

God is always there for us, ready to pinch-hit if only we would say, “Yes, God, thank you for being my all in all. Please work through me according to Your Will and ways.” How hard is this to say? Can we be that stubborn or hardheaded that we think we can handle life on our own? If only we would begin each day and each new situation with this simple statement and conversation with God, we would never feel as if we are battling life alone.

The truth is, we are never alone. He is always with us as the Scripture clearly says. I encourage you to develop a similar prayer to God and incorporate it into your daily, yes daily, lives. Every day new situations arise that we alone cannot resolve. And no situation should we resolve without constant communication with the Lord our God.

I also encourage you to research to find a handful of promises that God has for us and apply a few to your current situations or stressors. There are so

many promises in the Bible that you will have absolutely no trouble finding them!

I look forward to delving into the next simple rule, 1 Timothy 4:10, which says: *For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.*

Trust in Him; He'll Never Let You Fall

The past couple of devotions in this series of "Simple Rules" are focused on godliness and the wonderful "promises of life" that God blesses us with. This simple rule is based on trusting. Trusting in our loving Saviour is, or should be, of utmost importance in each of our lives. Without trust, we are nothing in Him. We must prioritize our busy, chaotic lives and trust in the only One who we can truly place our faith in.

Simple Rule No. 3 says, "*For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe*" (1 Timothy 4:10).

Just about every person believes in something or someone. Different religions have a different something to worship. Christians believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We place our faith in our Heavenly Father. I personally feel that believing and trusting are two different things. Yes, we believe, but do we trust also?

Think back to that game you used to play as a child - you know, the one where a group of people stood with their arms outstretched, ready to catch one of their peers as he or she closed their eyes, turned around, and then voluntarily fell back into their arms. We always called it "The Trusting Game." I remember that some of us were more willing to try this than others. In fact, I remember some kids simply would not do it for fear that no one would catch them, and they would not be able to stop

themselves from falling. Don't kids always seem to speak words of wisdom to us? Even they called it "The Trusting Game" and not "The Believing Game."

See, trusting is a different ballgame than believing. According to the dictionary, to trust means to have firm reliance on the integrity, ability, or character of a person or thing, even to be placed in custody of that person or thing. To believe means to accept as true or real. And especially in your spiritual life, just stop for a minute to think of the crucial differences in the two. Do you quite simply believe in Him? Or do you rely on Him, His ability, and His character? If the answer to the first question is 'yes,' and the second is 'no,' then what will it take for you to allow God to have custody of you, for you to fully trust in Him?

Think about these few verses I'll leave you with as we each think about any of our own trust issues with God. Trust in Him; He'll never, ever let you fall.

- Psalm 71:5 - *For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth.*
 - Psalm 144:2a - *My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust.*
 - Psalm 37:3-5 - *Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*
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These Things

Those two words - these things – just don't seem to have much meaning at first glance. In fact you are probably wondering why those two words form the title of this devotion. Sure, we can say that phrase in sentence after sentence; yet, when they are placed in a statement that Jesus Christ said, well then, that makes it enormous and extremely meaningful!

Just take a quick second to think about what Christ meant when He said here to teach "these things." He had so much wisdom and guidance to offer - His words are truly unending. To think that He wants us to teach ALL the things that He taught the people of that time as well as the centuries of people who have been blessed to learn from the Holy Bible. Isn't that an amazing task? When I thought about it I wondered how I am even remotely qualified to attempt this feat. Okay, so here's the next simple rule that contains those two powerful words:

Simple Rule No. 4: *These things command and teach* (1 Timothy 4:11).

See - we are to teach all that He has taught us. All that we learn, from child-like faith to the lives of David, Abraham and countless others, we are to teach to others so that they can grow in their personal relationships with God.

I think many of us have studied God's Word since we were small, and as such, I think that we can take for granted the fact that most others are not exposed to the Gospel regularly or even at all. Here is the point of this

devotion - if we are Christians who love God and who desire to further His Kingdom, then we MUST show our peers, colleagues, friends and family members that we love God and that it is simple and wonderful to have the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives. We know how much more enriched our lives are with God as our focus. Others can't see how wonderfully they can live because their lives are full of everything in the world (literally) but our God, who is truly out of this world!

4 God plainly says in this simple rule that we are to teach all others "these things" He so graciously has taught us. These things are love, joy, peace, salvation, grace. the list goes on forever. Make this list grow to be unique to the way you feel, how your life has been greatly enriched because of God's work in you. Only you can let others know how wonderful His blessings are to you personally.

Just like the Great Commission says in Matthew 28:19-20: *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

We must make the Bible come alive for those who may never pick it up and open it for themselves. That's what this simple rule means. It's a simple rule with a simple meaning, and we can simply live out the Bible for others to see.

Is Your Life an Example Buffet?

Hello! I hope you are enjoying this passage of scripture as much as I am. I've truly learned a great deal from this passage from Timothy, and I genuinely hope that you have as well. I also pray that we continue to allow these words to penetrate our hearts as we learn just a few, yes I promise a few, more simple rules we can live by.

Simple Rule No. 5: *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12.)*

We hear the term "specialization" as well as the common phrase "jack of all trades; master of none." These terms allude to the fact that many of us either specialize in basically one area or we are semi-skilled in many areas and not highly skilled at anything. Is this how we desire to live our lives? Absolutely not - we want to be the best we possibly can be in all aspects of our lives, especially when it comes to our Christian walks with God.

Similarly, we are not to be jack-of-all-trades-Christians. Our Heavenly Father desires us to excel in our relationships with Him and to apply that close, personal relationship to our everyday lives. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law,"* (Galatians 5:22-23). We are to apply

each of these characteristics to our every moment. We do this not to purely edify ourselves, but to edify those around us. Someone is always watching, looking to you as an example. It is vitally important to continually assess our lives and our actions to evaluate the Godly appropriateness that they present. We are examples - just look at these verses:

- 1 Peter 2:21: *"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps."*
- John 13:13 - 15: *"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."*

Let's remember what "Simple Rule No. 5" says - be an example, or a pattern, of everything in Christ, including our word, our conduct, our love, our spirit, our faithfulness, and our cleanliness. The question I want to leave with you is probably one you have never been asked in your whole life. Does your life reflect the "buffet" of Christ-like characteristics that God Himself has encouraged us to display? Instead of exuding all these marvelous characteristics that comprise our "buffets", do you specialize in one of them or even none of them at all? I encourage you today to examine yourselves to discover the answers to these questions. Hopefully after this, you will be able to dip from your buffet of Godly characteristics to become the example that God desires each of us to be!

Use Your Gifts

This is the next to last devotion in the “Just a Few Simple Rules” series. I was looking back at the series and how it has developed, and I hope you have enjoyed it and have learned from it as well. I pray that these final two devotions blesses your heart, too.

Simple Rule No. 6 says: *“Neglect not the Gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery”* (1 Timothy 4:14).

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For this rule we will focus on the first phrase of the verse, “Neglect not the gift that is in thee.” I think that you can tell just how important something is in the Bible by how many times it is mentioned throughout the Scriptures. And the topic of spiritual gifts is one of them. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is James 1:17. It is so comforting and uplifting to read. It’s such a blessing to me, and I pray that it is to you, too. It says, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning,” (James 1:17). This verse has so many wonderful messages in it. For us today in this devotion, it means that each of our gifts, no matter what they are or what they aren’t, are perfect and God-given. How wonderful is that to know? God truly loves each of us individually. Can you believe that the God of the Universe knows and loves all of us uniquely?

You might not be familiar with the meaning of a “gift.” To me, a gift from God is something that He has given to each of His children. Every person is given different gifts to use in His service – to uplift God’s Kingdom. As each person on earth, both past and present, is unique, so are the gifts we are given. Listen to this verse: “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,” (Ephesians 4:11-12).

I challenge you each this week to take a good look at yourselves. Think about the gifts you have been given. Think about what you are good at and things you like to do for others. Pray about them, and remember to use them all for God’s glory. He selected you for that special gift for Heavenly reasons, and it is our duties as Christians to use them to the best of our capabilities. And so, let us serve Him. “And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,” (Deuteronomy 10:12).

One last note - Enhance your gifts for all you do is for the glory of God and His eternal Kingdom. God only deserves the absolute best. “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor,” (John 12:26).

The Seventh and Final Simple Rule

Wow, we have finally come full circle around these seven simple rules found in I Timothy. We have been introduced to just a few guidelines that each of us can look to when abiding in God. This final rule we will be examining and applying to our own lives is just as simple as each of the others has been. Although these few verses are simply stated and easily understood, they hold such appropriate and powerful truths that can speak to each of us in our daily walks with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Simple Rule No. 7: *Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all (1 Timothy 4:15).*

As Kim often says, there are great blessings to reap when lingering in God's Word and in His Presence. As each moment approaches us, we can spend that time lingering, meditating on all that God has blessed you with. If you think about it, we could spend our entire lives just thanking God for his loving kindness in each of our lives. His love is so abundant and apparent that we should always be found worshipping Him in everything we do. God blesses us with every breath we take. Along with that, we need to ensure that everything we do is for God's glory. With every breath, we need to remember how far we have come simply by allowing Jesus to be in control of our lives. We must meditate on the love that Jesus so

graciously has given us and continues to give to us so freely and wonderfully.

There are so many ways to meditate and to linger in God: continually praying, always having a thankful heart, really studying His Word, witnessing to others, just anything that helps to be in continual remembrance of the blessings you have been given.

While we are lingering in His Word today, let's take a look at this whole series of simple rules we have focused on throughout the past several weeks.

Simple Rule No. 1: *But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness (1 Timothy 4:7).*

Exercise your godliness. Be spiritually fit – it's really not so impossible to accomplish. It is so rewarding and the benefits of being godly are literally out of this world! Work on these four things:

- Develop and use our individual Christian gifts. *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (1 Timothy 2:15).*
- Lose the weight of the world that we bear on our shoulders. Jesus said, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28).*

- Be spiritually fit and ready for whatever comes our way. The world throws countless curveballs at all of us at all points in our lives, but we must study to be spiritually fit for those curveballs and fastballs. *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine,”* (11 Timothy 4:2).
- Be the best we can be. Whatever we do, it must be to the glory of God. *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God,”* (Romans 12:1-2).

Simple Rule No. 2: *For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come* (1 Timothy 4:8).

Throughout the Scripture, there is an abundance of promises that God has given to us. There are wonderful “promises of life” we are blessed to utilize in each of our lives. Let’s remember just a few of those right now. God is always there for us. We are never alone as the Scripture clearly says. I encourage you to incorporate remembering all of these promises every day and thank God for each of them. Just remember that new situations arise every

day that we cannot solve by ourselves. Always look to God for guidance.

Simple Rule No. 3: *For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe* (1 Timothy 4:10).

Trusting and believing – I think these are two different words that shouldn’t be used interchangeably. Most of us believe in something or someone. We, as Christians, believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We do believe, but do we trust also? The dictionary describes trust as having a firm reliance on the integrity, ability, or character of a person or thing. It also says that to believe means to accept as true or real. In your spiritual life, think of the differences in the two. Do you simply believe in Him or do you rely on Him, His ability, and His character?

Simple Rule No. 4: *These things command and teach* (1 Timothy 4:11).

The phrase “these things” doesn’t seem to have much meaning when you first read it. Well, they are actually very powerful when you think about in the context of our relationships with God. Those two words tell us that we are to teach **all** that He has taught us. Everything that we have learned throughout our lives, from child-like faith to the lives of David, Abraham and countless others, we are to

teach to others so that they can grow in their personal relationships with God. What a task, right?! It may seem like quite a task, but we can do it! It is our jobs to make the Bible come alive for those who may never read it.

Simple Rule No. 5: *Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity* (1 Timothy 4:12).

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Simple Rule No. 6: *Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery* (1 Timothy 4:14).

We each have been given special, unique gifts from God. He selected you for your special gift for Heavenly reasons, and it is our duties as Christians to use them to the best of our capabilities. Think about your gifts. Remember to use them all for God’s glory. And don’t forget to enhance your gifts as well; all you do is for the glory of God and His eternal Kingdom. God deserves the best.

Simple Rule No. 7: *Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all* (1 Timothy 4:15).

There are great blessings to reap when lingering in God’s Word and in His Presence. As each moment approaches us, we can spend that time lingering, meditating on all that God has blessed you with. You can linger, or meditate, by keeping constant conversation with God through praying, always having a thankful heart, truly studying His Word, regularly witnessing to others, and earnestly worshipping God.

I truly pray that each of you who have read these devotions has been blessed. In my opinion, these seven rules help mold and shape us to be better servants for our Heavenly Father. They truly better our lives in Christ and help us to be better ministers of Jesus Christ, which is our ultimate goal.

So, I pray that these few guidelines help you grow in Jesus Christ. I pray that through this you have found which rules are really no-brainers for you and which ones you can improve upon, maybe even just a little bit.

I hope that your lives have been enriched just a little bit as we have learned about ways to abide in Him as we live to serve Him. Let’s continue to apply these powerful verses to our lives as we continue to grow in Him. Thanks and God bless you today.

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