

are not to live in that period today. As regarding individual issues more instruction and a lot more exegesis will be needed. In this study I have tried only to deal with major items and hope that such will give some guidance in smaller items. At any rate a life that is lived in rebellion, complaint, defiance, is not a spiritual life in that it does not harmonize with the life described by the Apostles for themselves or for their hearers.

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MESSAGE # 6: THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL HABITS

Biblical Passages: 2 Timothy 3:10 ff

I. *Introducing the Subject*

The development of spiritual habits is our theme in this closing talk of the conference. We do need to guard against ritual and mere repetition of things that takes the real meaning from them and just leaves us form with no substance. But a habit does not need to be a bad one---in fact, the best habits are good ones! (High logic is often seen in these discourses) Paul charges Timothy to "war a good warfare" and that is almost impossible without habits that make one a more effective soldier. It is still true today, spiritual habits are important and a good point in spiritual living. You will have to let others see them in your practice...if you boast of them that is a very bad habit. If you live them out you will not need to advertise them and the end results will show the wisdom in what you have done.

II. Discussion:

A. Develop a habit of prayer (praying) 1 Timothy 2:8, 4:4-5 among other texts will show us the importance of this. Paul's attitude of faithful praying for the saints (Phil 1) speaks of his own attachment for prayer and his admonition in 1 Thess 5 tells us to pray without ceasing. We can pray at any time, in any posture, and under any circumstance but to develop a habit of prayer is to make it a necessary part of your daily walk....you can take the closet with you if you pray silently. Some set aside a special time for prayer...some have a prayer devotional habit...I cannot work on the particular method so in a vague way all I can say is develop a habit of prayer. Keep a