

# THE DISCIPLINES OF LIFE SERIES

DEVELOPING A LIFESTYLE THAT'S USABLE TO GOD

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## THE DISCIPLINE OF DOMINATION

*A PRACTICAL SERIES ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES  
AND HOW WE SHOULD BE LIVING IN THE WORLD AROUND US*

Week 28 of a 31 Week Series

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Christianity 101, Faith, Discernment, Discipleship**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Acts 1:8**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 **Go therefore and make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 **teaching them to observe all things** that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

**Acts 1:8**

But you shall receive **power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

**"All great leaders were first-of-all great followers."**

By nature, we are followers. In fact, we cannot effectively lead until we have embraced the disciplines that are learned from being a follower. Leaders who are comfortable leading see themselves as followers.

Noah Webster's

Connects '**Domination**' to '**Control**'. - To be under the rule of or jurisdiction of another. To keep in order or in the proper place. To provide by governing. To be under the command of a greater authority.

## Application:

Regarding “**things**” – we ask the question; “what dominates your life?”

Regarding “**people**” – we ask the question; “who dominates your life?”

What Dominates - Is What Dictates.

## Identifying the issues that dominate your life is Key

Whatever / Whomever dominates - dominates your decisions, your purpose, and your future.

## What Dominates Becomes the Focal Point of Your Life.

This is Different from Your God-Ordained Responsibilities.  
(your spouse, children, family, vocation, Christian service)

## This is All Important to Everyone of Us.

It is the very essence to Jesus teaching about never having to die  
– for reals...

**Luke 17:33**

Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

### 1.) Refusing the domination of our flesh

**1 John 2:15-16**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that *is* in the world (1) the lust of the **flesh**, (2) the lust of the **eyes**, and (3) the **pride** of life - is not of the Father but is of the world.

## REFUSING THE DOMINATION OF OUR FLESH

### 1a.) Refusing what we **feel** with our emotions

**1 John 2:16a**

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feelings are always wrong when they contradict  
or override the word of God, the Bible - “I know the Bible says this,  
but I really feel that...”

**When we don't want to hear the truth,  
we tend to shop for or seek customized counseling that will agree  
with our preconditions. – this is death.**

**Proverbs 14:12**

There is a way that **seems** right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

**Romans 8:5-8**

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. :6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. :7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. :8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

## REFUSING THE DOMINATION OF OUR FLESH

### 1b.) Refusing what we see with our eyes

**1 John 2:16b**

(2) the lust of the **eyes**,

Men Need to Man up and Get Control of Their  
Eyes.

**Job 31:1**

“I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?”

**Philippians 4:8**

...whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things.

Women Need to Woman up and Get Control of Their  
Ears.

# REFUSING THE DOMINATION OF OUR FLESH

## 1c.) Refusing what we want for ourselves

It's Human Nature to Want Satisfaction.  
thirst, hunger, comfort, warmth, affection – *it's a very different thing to want the satisfaction that comes at the expense of others.*


**1 John 2:16c**

and (3) the **pride** of life - is not of the Father but is of the world.

This “**pride**” is the pride of wanting to have something to brag about or to boast about regarding yourself – you wanting to talk about you.

**Proverbs 4:23**

**Keep** your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

 **Keep** Natsar, naw-tsar' to guard with great care, to watch over, to shield against decay and **corruption**

**Matthew 6:19-21**

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; :20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For **where** your treasure is, **there** your heart will be also.

**Galatians 6:7-8**

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. :8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap **corruption**, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

## 2.) Receiving the domination of the Spirit

### 2a.) The Holy Spirit is who we need in this world

**If We're Not Wise, This World will Drive Us Crazy**  
**We need to be more familiar and more acquainted with the Holy Spirit**

### **Romans 8:15-16**

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." :16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

### **Proverbs 16:32**

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who **rules his spirit** than he who takes a city.

### **Galatians 5:16, 22-23,25**

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh... :22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, :23 gentleness, **self-control**. Against such there is no law... :25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

## **RECEIVING THE DOMINATION OF THE SPIRIT**

### **2b.) The Holy Spirit is what Jesus wants for us**

#### **John 14:16-17 & 16:7**

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter/Helper, that He may abide with you forever - :17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you... **John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to **your advantage** that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

#### **Romans 8:13-14**

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. :14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

### **2c.) The Holy Spirit is who we ask for right now**

#### **Romans 8:5**

For those who live according to the flesh **set their minds on the things of the flesh**, but **those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit**.

**Only The New Man, Christian Can ask Jesus for More...**

### **Luke 11:5-13**

And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; :6 for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; :7 and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'?. :8 I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. :9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. :10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. :11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? :12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? :13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

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## **THE DISCIPLINE OF DOMINATION**

### **3.) Rejoicing in the domination of Christ**

#### **3a.) His domination equals power - from our lives**

**It was of the utmost importance to Jesus Christ**  
that you and I be filled to over-powering-levels of the Holy Spirit that...

### **Acts 1:4-5**

And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "*which,*" *He said,* "*you have heard from Me; :5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.*"

50 days - Pentecost, Later The Holy Spirit  
came upon the Christians in Jerusalem.

### Psalm 18:35

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up,  
Your gentleness has made me **great**.



**great rabah**, *raw-baw* to increase. To abound. To be put in authority, to be enlarged or increasing...

### Micah 3:8

But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD,  
And of justice and might...

## REJOICING IN THE DOMINATION OF CHRIST

### 3b.) His domination equals **joy** - in our lives

### A Great Example - Picture of True Domination

#### Matthew 8:5-9

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, :6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." :7 And Jesus said to him, "**I will come and heal him.**" :8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. :9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Question Yourself;

Does Jesus Christ have **access** to all areas of my life?

### The Secret Joy of Domination

Does He have Private **Access** ?

#### Psalm 62:5-8

My soul, **wait silently for God alone**, For my expectation is from Him. :6 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. :7 In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. :8 Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.

# REJOICING IN THE DOMINATION OF CHRIST

## 3c.) His domination equals love - through our lives

### John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. :35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. :27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

## The Holy Spirit is Waiting for Us to Say...

“I Want to Live for Jesus Christ. I Want to Love and Care and Be Like Jesus”

### Romans 5:5b

...because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts.

### Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. :2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

## So We Get to Live a Different Life Now.

### Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. :26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. :27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— :28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

### Revelation 2:6

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the **Nicolaitans**, which I also hate.





## **Nicolaitans Nikolaiæthß Nikolaïtes**

Self ordained, self appointed leaders that cause those underneath them to be dependant upon them. (shepherding movement)

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*End of Study*

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