

# 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 DURABILITY

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

Week 30 of a 31 Week Series

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Christianity 101, Faith, Discernment, Discipleship

Introduction to the Text;

John 15:5

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."

**DURABILITY**, n. Lasting power, staying power or the power to continue on. moving forward without perishing. The state or attribute of being durable. The uninterrupted, prolonged continuance of a pursuit or cause.

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John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Matthew 10:21-22

"Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. :22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

**Its not** being "strong enough" in yourself.

**Its not** being tougher than satan. **Its not** about how well you started out in your Christian journey. **Its not** about what you once did...

**Its all about “right now” – today and everyday  
from this day forward...**

**The manna I ate this morning cannot keep till tomorrow. I must eat again of His  
word and nearness.**

What Does It Mean for a Christian to  
“Abide in Christ”?

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### 1.) Means that we – Consider what’s at stake

**THE GREATEST ASSET / RESOURCE / POSSESSION YOU HAVE  
IS YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST - *IF IT’S A BIBLICAL FAITH!***

**Luke 18:8**

...when the Son of Man comes, will He find **faith** on the earth?”

**1 Timothy 4:1**

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will **abandon** the faith

How To Abide

**1 Samuel 30:6**

Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David **strengthened** himself in the LORD his God.

**strengthened** qÅzDj chazaq, khaw-zak’;

to fasten yourself to or upon. to seize or take a firm grip of. To take strength or cleave to. to go toward encouragement.

### 2.) Means that we – Resist false doctrine(s)

**“I’M GOING TO ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS  
IN ADVANCE HERE.”**

## 2 John 9

Whoever transgresses and does not **abide in the doctrine of Christ** does not have God. He who **abides** in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

PASTOR JACK,  
I'VE BEEN READING THIS BOOK ABOUT WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS  
ABOUT HOW WE NEED TO SAVE THE PLANET

## ??? SAVE THE PLANET FROM WHAT ???

### Matthew 15:7-9

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: :8 *“These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. :9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”*

## EXTRA BIBLICAL OR NON BIBLICAL TEACHINGS

### 1 Timothy 4:1-2

**Now** the Spirit **expressly** says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, :2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,



**Now** de÷ de, deh; moreover, importantly, hey, hello



**Expressly** ρῆτωσῶς rhetos, hray-toce´ To speak boldly, in an out-spoken way, distinctly and with intent.

### Galatians 1:6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, :7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. :8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. :9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. *(can you count how many religions out there say that an angel gave them their new message for mankind?)*

**Question:** What are you reading these days?

**Question:** Haven't you been paying attention here?

**Question:** What are you deciding for your lives?

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**3.) Means that we – Fight against the evils of this world**

**Philippians 2:14-16**

Do all things without complaining and disputing, :15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, :16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ

**1 John 3:6**

Whoever **abides** in Him does not sin.  
Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

**1 John 2:10**

He who loves his brother **abides** in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

The Evidence of This Reality is;  
How are you affecting your community

**1 John 2:14**

I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God **abides** in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

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**4.) Means that we – Draw closer to God in these days**

**Proverbs 18:10**

The name of the LORD *is a* strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

### Psalm 84:4-7

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. *Selah* :5  
Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.  
:6 As they pass through the **Valley of Baca** (*weeping*), they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools. :7 They go from strength to strength, till each  
appears before God in Zion.

### Psalm 71:1-5

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. :2 Rescue me  
and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me. :3 Be my rock  
of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock  
and my fortress. :4 Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the  
grasp of evil and cruel men. :5 For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my  
confidence since my youth.

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### 5.) Means that we – **Obey** what His Word says

#### 1 John 2:6

He who says he **abides** in Him ought himself also to **walk just as He walked**.

### ***People Should Mistake Us For Jesus Christ***

*(Hear me out – we should talk like Him, act like Him, help like Him)*

#### 1 John 4:15-18

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.  
:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he  
who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. :17 Love has been perfected  
among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He  
is, so are we in this world. :18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,  
because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made complete in love.

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**6.) Means that we – Prepare for perilous days**

**2 Timothy 3:1-6**

You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. :2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. :3 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. :4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. :5 They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that. :6 They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by many desires.

**1 John 2:27-28**

But the anointing which you have received from Him **abides** in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. :28 *And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.*

**Psalms 91:1-2**

He who **dwells** in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the **shadow of the Almighty**. :2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

**Psalms 61:4**

I will abide in Your **tabernacle** forever; I will trust in the **shelter** of Your wings. *(tabernacles don't last forever. Temples eventually fall down. Unless you have an eternal one, in heaven where it is safe.)*

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**7.) Means that we – Stay with Jesus at all times**

His word to us is the same as it was to them then –  
“Come and follow me”

### 1 John 4:13,15-16

By this we know that we **abide** in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. :15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God **abides** in him, and he in God. :16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who **abides** in love **abides** in God, and God in him.

**Abide** me÷nw meno, men'-o;

to stay with (1) a given place, (2) a state, (3) a condition (4) expectancy. To continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry.

### John 15:4-10

**Abide** in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me :5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides** in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. :6 If anyone does not **abide** in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. :7 If you **abide** in Me, and My words **abide** in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.... :9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; **abide** in My love. :10 If you keep My commandments, you will **abide** in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and **abide** in His love.

## A Tender Example of “Durability”

### Luke 24:27-29

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. :28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. :29 But they constrained Him, saying, “**Abide** with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.

??? Is It Possible That You Will be Lost in  
Eternity ???

the answer is “only if you’re not born again”

### 2 John 2

because of the truth which **abides** in us and will be with us forever:

**John 6:27**

Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His **seal** on Him.”

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, :22 who also has **sealed** us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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**8.) Means that we – Present ourselves for service**

**Romans 12:1 NLT**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

But this / say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be **steadfast**, **immovable**, always **abounding** in the work of the Lord, **knowing** that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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**9.) Means that we – Stop falling for this world's junk**

I'm Grieved About - Just How Much the Worlds Wisdom has crept into how the church thinks and feels about Jesus and the Bible.



### James 3:13-16

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. :14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. :15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. :16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

### Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that (1) you may be filled with the knowledge of His will (2) in all wisdom and (3) spiritual understanding;

## ***The Lords Coming is Near***

*“Why are you Wavering Between Two Opinions”*

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### **10.) Means that we – Sever all ties with dead things**

*Is There Anything of Your Past Life That's Still Hanging Around?  
Is There Anything That's Trying to Make a Come Back?*

### Matthew 5:27-32

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘*You shall not commit adultery.*’ :28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. :29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. :30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. :31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ :32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

## ***Make the Decision Now***

*To Sever All Ties You May Have with That Person, Place or Thing*

### 1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; :14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the **former** lusts, as in your ignorance; :15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, :16 because it is written, "*Be holy, for I am holy.*"

### Matthew 24:46-43

Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. :47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. :48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," :49 and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, :50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, :43 Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

### Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. :2 Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. :3 Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, :4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. :5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. :6 "And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' :7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. :8 And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' :9 But the wise answered, saying, "No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' :10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. :11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' :12 But he answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' :13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

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*End of Study*

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