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Sanctification

To be made holy, to be set apart for God's purposes, to be consecrated in time unto God's will.

Lk 21:13

"[Trials] will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.

Your Life Has Context

By grace through faith, you've been created and saved. Humbly live in this truth. In gratitude, contently and diligently serve your Master. Love.

Ro 12:9

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Lk 17:5

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Experiential Sanctification

His perspective, His Gospel, is what BECOMES our sanctification!!!

Heb 12:1 [Amplified]

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who by faith have testified to the truth of God's absolute faithfulness], stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us, let us run with endurance and active persistence the race that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 [Amplified]

[looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfecter of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity], who for the joy [of accomplishing the goal] set before Him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [revealing His deity, His authority, and the completion of His work].

Humility and the Supernatural Life

"Living" and "being" are synonyms. "For the righteous man shall live by faith" (Ro

1:17). God gives grace (through faith) to the humble (eg: peace, a life of gratitude, contentment, etc.).

The Pilgrim's Progress

by John Bunyan

Humility and the Supernatural Life

It's only that person with a humble attitude of surrender that receives the utmost grace of God, in his experience. It's the humble person that lives by faith (Ro 1:17), making that life righteous in the eyes of God (for every perfect gift is from above - Jas 1:17).

Practical Sanctification

The very foundation of our spiritual life is progressively grounded in love (ala Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love).

On Cognition

The only certain method for true spiritual growth starts with absorbing God's eternal truth.

- John MacArthur

On Conviction

Biblical truth is established in your mind through cognition-that same truth guides your life through conviction.

- John MacArthur

On Affection

Your affection and hunger for God's truth will be insatiable, and nothing will keep you from it.

- John MacArthur

Your Sanctification

Two flower gardens may have the same count and type of flowers, but they are never the same. No two believers, though equally magnificent in their sanctification, are ever identical, by grace through faith. Embrace YOUR sanctification - love it.

Freedom is the result of love.

Freedom

A person locked up in a prison cell, by themselves, can only serve themselves - selfish love dominates. However, a man set free from prison is free to serve others - selfless love dominates.

God's Perspective On Man

God created each of us with a capacity to love and an innate desire to be loved. For either of these things to be satisfied, at any level, we must engage with others, beginning with the One who created us. "We love, because He first loved us" (1Jn 4:19).