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## **William MacDonald**

*"We are often weary in His service, though not weary of it."*

### **Practical Sanctification**

Sanctification is "diligence to enter [His] rest" (Heb 4:11)... "For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his [own personal] works" (Heb 4:10). Restlessness is the antithesis of sanctification.

### **"BE transformed BY the renewing of your mind"**

Look closely at what scripture is stating. YOU are literally transformed. The cause is the renewing of your mind, but the mind is not the final objective, YOU are (your person, your heart).

### **Ro 12:2 [Amplified]**

*And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].*

### **"I am"**

from eimi - means to be, exist (sum); existence (i.e. without explicit limits); properly, convey straight-forward being; there's no surrogate being implied

### **Understanding "I am"**

The difference between the sanctified believer and the unsanctified one is that the prior attributes all good things about them, including their personal, spiritual maturation to God's grace; whereas the latter takes credit for those things. (cp 1Co 15:10, Jn 8:58)

### **Understanding "I am"**

The Bible doesn't say we ARE His image, it says we are made new IN His image (Gen 1:27; 2Co 3:18), implying that while righteousness becomes us as we are sanctified, we never lose our individuality.

### **Living the Spiritual Life**

It's not about doing 'this or that', specifically, as a part of some homemade plan,

it's about being "filled" (pleroo means to be fulfilled). The "control" aspect of being filled is a blessed surrender, not a disgruntled, adolescent submission.

### **Living the Spiritual Life**

Living the spiritual life is an attitude, not a regiment. It's being "in Christ", in the moment, not just knowing it (although that precedes being). We sense His presence in everything.

### **Living the Spiritual Life**

Soldiering is a way of life, not a job. You are on call 24x7. The only way you won't become utterly frustrated with the uncommon requests for your time/energy is if you totally submit to the cause. You must commit, fully, otherwise; you'll be miserable.