

DISCIPLINE AND DEVOTION

Living a disciplined life can take you places you never imagined.

Proverbs 23:12a Apply your heart to discipline. NAS

Discipline: Doing what I don't want to do now to become who I want to be in the future.

Discipline produces a future payoff.

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. NIV

Discipline helps achieve goals.

1 Corinthians 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. NIV

Discipline brings value to life.

1 Timothy 4:7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. NIV

Colossians 2:5 For though I [, Paul,] am absent from you in body, I am present with you [the church family at Colossae] in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. NIV

Discipline brings change where change seemed unlikely.

2 Timothy 1:7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. NIV

Physical discipline can have a profound impact.

Spiritual discipline can alter your entire life experience!

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. NIV

Teaching

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. NIV

Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. NIV

Fellowship

Hebrews 10:25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. NIV

Corporate worship

Acts 1:14 They all [the apostles] joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. NIV

What disciplines are guiding your spiritual growth?