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7Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

8For 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.

SPIRITUAL TRAINING OUTLINE

- A. Advance Preparation
- B. Activation
- 1. The Life To Come
- 2. The Present Life

LESSON OBJECTIVE

- A. Spiritual training prepares God's servant for service now and in the future.
- B. God provides the means for His servant's spiritual training.

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Spiritual Training is **preparation** in this life and for the life that is to come by **teaching** spiritual truths from the Word of God that believers apply by exercising **spiritual disciplines**.

SPIRITUAL TRAINING Advance Preparation

Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer & the Word of God

The Word of God consists of: Hearing, Reading, Studying, Memorization, and Meditation.

SPIRITUAL TRAINING Advance Preparation

Spiritual training prepares us for **integration** and **assimilation** of Our **Mission**

Spiritual training prepares us for **organization** and **structure** of Our **Members**

Spiritual training prepares us to be **community focused** in Our **Ministry**

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SPIRITUAL TRAINING Activation

What activates Spiritual Training?

Faith

Faith is the power that **brought us** justification. (**Galatians 2:16**)

Faith is the power that **helps us** grow in Christ and become more like Him. (2 **Peter 3:18**)

Faith is the power that **works in us** through love. (**Galatians 5:6**)

The Old Self

(Ephesians 4:22)

We must learn to **put to death** sinful thoughts, desires, and actions of our old sinful self.

All humans are born with sinful natures.

Therefore, before we can put on the new self we must **put to death** our old self.

The New Mind

(Ephesians 4:23)

We have received a new birth, a new life and a **new mind**.

We are better able to understand God's word with a **new mind**.

Our new spiritual self grows through the renewing of our minds. (Romans 12:2)

The New Self

(Ephesians 4:24)

Now that we are under control of the Holy Spirit we must put on new thoughts, new desires, and new actions of our **new spiritual self**.

With a **new mind** we are better able to walk in the light and not in darkness.

Since we have become a new creation (2 Cor 5:17) we must put on **new clothes**.

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SPIRITUAL TRAININGThe Life to Come: **Spiritual Worship**

Spiritual Worship is God-centered

We were created to worship our Creator. God is the **object of our worship** and He alone is **worthy of our worship**, which is reserved for Him and not any of His servants. (Revelation 19:1-10)

Overall, spiritual worship is a **lifestyle** of **serving**, **praising**, and **glorifying God** as we reflect His glory to others.

Spiritual Worship

Spiritual worship takes place within us – within our spiritual hearts – which is the dwelling place of God. (**Ephesians 2:22**)

Spiritual worship involves offering our bodies as living sacrifices to God. **Romans 12:1-2** contains all the elements of true spiritual worship.

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He has given us the Holy Spirit, faith, strength, honor, glory, hope, wisdom, patience, kindness, comfort, eternal love, eternal grace, eternal life, everlasting peace, eternal joy, forgiveness, reconciliation, justification, sanctification, righteousness, freedom, intercession, security, etc...

Manner of Spiritual Worship

The presentation of our **whole person** (spirit, soul, and physical bodies), including our hearts, minds, hands, thoughts, and attitudes to God as "**living sacrifices**" is the manner of worship.

How to Worship Spiritually

Spiritual worship requires "renewing our minds" through the Word of God. To know the truth, to believe the truth, and to love the truth will naturally result in true spiritual worship that proves God's will is good, acceptable, and perfect.

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SPIRITUAL TRAINING The Present Life: Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual Warfare

It is very important that every Christian understands that we are in a spiritual battle, and that we are to rely on God's power and not our own.

The key to our success in spiritual warfare is advance preparation.

Therefore, <u>we must</u> be <u>prepared</u> in advance with the right weapons as we engage the enemy in spiritual warfare.

Ephesians 6:10-20

10Finally, my brethren,

be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints:...

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