

seven essentials

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“In ratio to its size, 2 Peter speaks more relevantly to the modern issues of sexual permissiveness, tolerance of pluralistic doctrine, the nature of authority, and the basis for Christian hope than any other letter of the New Testament.”

—Ray Stedman

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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

—2 Peter 3:18 ESV

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Examine the Concept of Growth

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Growth is dependent upon one foundational reality—LIFE!

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<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. —1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV

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## Demands

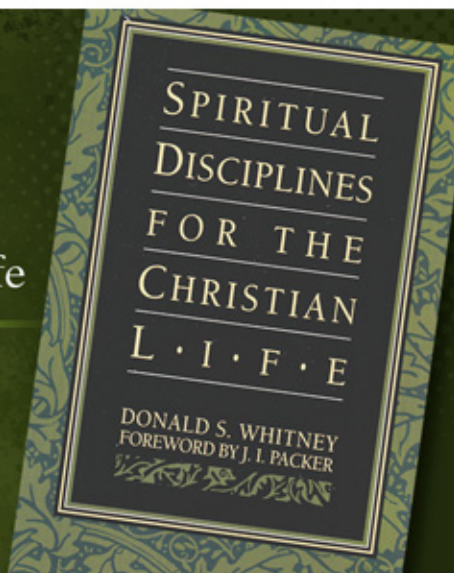
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## Disciplines

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Spiritual  
Disciplines  
for the  
Christian Life

By  
Donald S.  
Whitney



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“Ours is an undisciplined age. The old disciplines are breaking down... above all the discipline of divine grace is derided as legalism or is entirely unknown to a generation that is largely illiterate of the Scriptures. We need the rugged strength of Christian character that can come only from discipline.” —Raymond Edmond

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... discipline yourself for the purpose  
of godliness... —1 Timothy 4:7b NASB

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## Difficulties

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<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. —1 Peter 1:6-7 ESV

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<sup>2</sup>Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

—James 1:2-3 ESV

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<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. —John 15:1-2 ESV

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Establish Some Growth Indicators

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**WARREN**  
a way of life!

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God-Centered in Living

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But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. —Matthew 6:33 ESV

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Regular in Bible Study

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<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. —1 Peter 2:2-3 ESV

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Outward in Focus

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<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” —Matt. 28:18-20 ESV

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“The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God’s people—strengthened by preaching—go out the church door to the world to be the Church. We don’t to go church; we are the Church.”

—Ernest T. Campbell

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## Weekly in Worship

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...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

—Hebrews 10:25 ESV

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## Involved in Ministry

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<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

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<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,  
<sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

—Romans 12:3-5 ESV

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## Navigating with Providence

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<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all  
your heart, and do not lean on  
your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge  
him, and he will  
make straight your paths.  
—Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

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Outward in Focus  
Weekly in Worship  
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Giving Faithfully, Cheerfully  
and Generously

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<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows  
sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows bountifully  
will also reap bountifully.  
<sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has  
decided in his heart, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.

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<sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace  
abound to you, so that having all  
sufficiency in all things at all  
times, you may abound in every  
good work.  
—2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ESV

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If there were a yardstick to  
measure the spirit, and you  
could record all the past; I  
wonder what answer you'd  
find to this question: Are you  
taller this year than last?

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