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Devotions For Decisions

GYC 2017

1. Devotions, or Just The Motions?

Session 1: Devotions, Or Just The Motions?

Cheer Order Question
Hand Worship Practice
Progress Answer Guard Finish
Face Head Battle
Challenge Trace



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Question: Why Devotions?



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Why Devotions?

- For Communion



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- For Perspective



Why Devotions?

Fact #1: We're Bent Towards Unbelief



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Sermons & Talks 143 “Cherishing Faith Not Doubt”

- It is not natural for us to believe, but it is very natural for us to foster unbelief. **This is the besetting sin, and has been the besetting sin of God’s people.** It has not been natural for me to believe for myself, and I have had very severe lessons on this point until I know that it is not safe for me to cherish for one moment any doubt.—
{1SAT 143.1}



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Fact #2: Beholding is Believing



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Sermons & Talks 227 “Keep The Commandments”

- Adam ventured to transgress one prohibition of God which was the test that God gave to man to try his loyalty and obedience. There was nothing in the fruit of the tree of knowledge that was dangerous in itself, but **the danger was in Adam and Eve listening to Satan** and venturing to transgress. Here was Eve listening to the voice of the tempter. His words were contradicting the words of God that death was the penalty of transgression. Satan says, “Ye shall not die.” God says, “If ye eat of it ye shall die.” Whom shall we believe? – {1SAT 227.2}



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Reflecting Christ, page 369.3

- **Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God.** In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His Word; they can honor Him only as they have a right conception of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. **None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict....** {RC 369.3}



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Education, page 260

- Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ's loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work. – {Ed 260.3}



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- These workers can never attain the highest success until they learn the secret of strength. They must give themselves time to think, to pray, to wait upon God for a renewal of physical, mental, and spiritual power. They need the uplifting influence of His Spirit. Receiving this, they will be quickened by fresh life. The wearied frame and tired brain will be refreshed, the burdened heart will be lightened. – {Ed 260.4}



