

# REAL FAITH IS DEVOTION TO GOD

What comes to mind when you hear the word devotion? To be devoted means to be set apart, and we are called to a devotion that is complete and wholly surrender to our Heavenly Father's will. James 4 shows us three ways we express true devotion to God: with a whole heart, a submissive heart, and a sanctified heart.

## WHOLE HEART

A devoted heart can never be divided. We can make the mistake of thinking that giving 99 percent of heart to the Lord is enough, but withholding even 1 percent for the world can subtly compromise our faith. Scripture describes our relationship with God a deeply personal and covenantal. God is our "husband" (Isaiah 54:5), and the church is the bride of Christ (Revelation 19:7-8). God's jealousy is mentioned in James 4:5 and Exodus 20:2-5, to reflect His committed love. In the same way that God rescued Israel and commanded them to have no other gods, we too ought to leave no room for idols in our heart.

## SUBMISSIVE HEART

James warns of another kind of wisdom, a wisdom that is rooted in envy and selfish ambition (James 3:14). As humans, our motives tend to gravitate towards our self-interest. This is earthly wisdom – a wisdom driven by human desires. In the face of earthly wisdom, James calls us to not be led astray and to carefully watch what is shaping our character. God's wisdom plants righteousness slowly shapes our character into Christlikeness.

## SANCTIFIED HEART

The beauty of God's grace is that He knows that we will always fall short. But no matter how many times we fall, He still calls us to draw near in sincere surrender (James 4:8). Sanctification is not instant. It is a lifelong journey of humility, repentance, and surrender through His grace (Hebrews 12:14-15). When our hearts understand that we are saved by His grace alone, we don't judge others or point out their faults first; instead, we examine our own hearts first (James 4:11). As citizens of heaven awaiting Christ's return, we live set apart, eager to please Him (Philippians 3:20).

### last week's memory verse

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

JAMES 4:8

### discuss this message

What is the competition to a wholly devoted heart to the Lord?

What makes it difficult to have a "surrendered heart" towards God? In what way will you humble yourself towards Him?

What efforts will you make to have a pure and intimate heart towards God?

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### SATURDAYS

5:00 PM

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN  
3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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# Do you think our nation is broken and needs healing?

Let's talk about it at the Welcome Center.

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Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN 2 WOMEN ALL WOMEN

#### Flourish: Honor God's Name and His Day

with Astrid Ocaya

March 12, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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#### Faith in Action

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE: for ages 4-12

9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

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#### Game Changers: Singles Sports Camp

open to ages 19 and above

April 10-12, Mt. Makiling Re-Creation Center

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## We are willing to listen and improve!

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**Exalt Auditions** open from March 1-31

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## OUR FAITH

#### Be Biblically Grounded!

GLC LEVEL 1: Be a Disciple

BOOK 1: March 8, Sunday,  
10:30 AM, Room 2A

BOOK 2: March 8, Sunday, 1:30 PM, Room 2A

BOOK 4: March 8, Sunday, 1:30 PM, Room 3A

ZOOM: March 10, Tuesday, 7:30 PM

#### Be Equipped to Lead

GLC LEVEL 2: Be a Discipler

BOOK 5: March 8, Sunday  
1:00 PM, Annex Building

ZOOM: March 12, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### Be a Leader Who Multiplies

GLC3 LEAD coming on April 12.

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If you have any questions,  
the GLC booth is open on Sundays!

#### Other Events

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

#### Repentance with Ptr. Paul de Vera

A night to learn what it truly means  
to turn back to God.

March 11, Wednesday, 7:00 PM, MPH

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here  
for His purpose.

#### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful  
life with Him in the present and gain  
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**  
**His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
— Deuteronomy 7:9*

#### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us  
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from  
God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23*

#### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for  
us to be reconciled to Him: through His  
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised to life for  
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by His  
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of  
God through Him. — Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. — John 14:6*

#### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we  
are forgiven of our sins and saved from  
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have  
eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift  
of God; not as a result of works, so that no  
one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

#### Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

#### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life  
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name of  
the Son of God, so that you may know that  
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*