

Vision, Intention, Means
Authentic Leader Series – Part 3
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At the conclusion of the previous session – Part 2 of the Authentic Leader Series – Dallas taught that the Sermon on the Mount is an illustration of who you can be. He teaches that you can be the kind of person who does what Jesus taught.

Dallas begins Part 3 by reminding us that we are not alone in living this life. He reminds us that when Elijah thought he was alone, there were seven thousand in Israel who had not bowed to Baal (1 Kings 19:18). There are people around you who are like this; they have seen through all the baloney that is thrown at us from the world.

Dallas also reminds us that this is not a legal system. These are illustrations of a certain kind of person, and that kind of person will make judgments about the things they will and will not do. Where does that judgment come from? It comes from love.

1. Put off the old person; put on the new person

- a. Colossians 3:1-4 *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

That's where your life is. That's what Paul means in Ephesians [2:6] when he talks about being seated with Christ in the heavenlies.

You will be glorious.

You will appear with him in his glory.

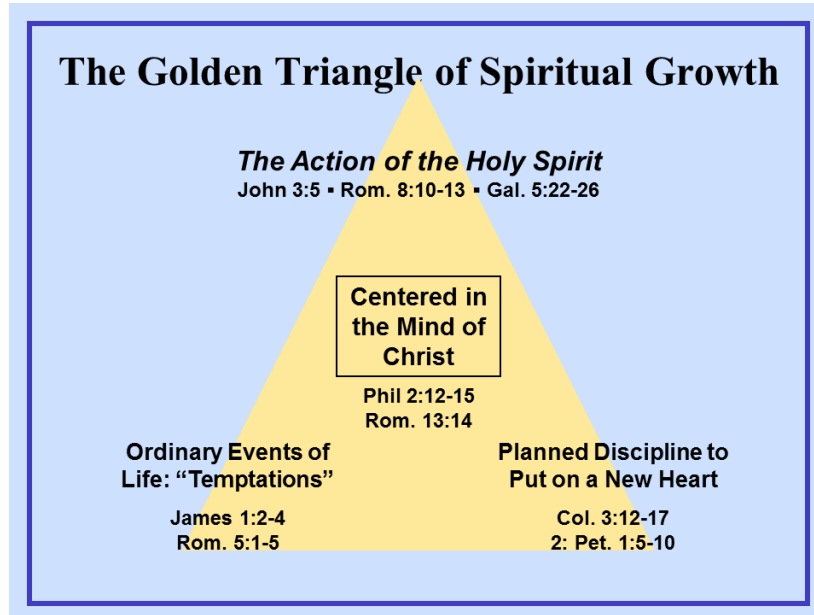
- b. Then, Paul goes on to say: Put off the _____ person, and put on the _____ person (Ephesians 4:22-24).

Putting off the old person is for _____ to do.

Putting on the new person has all of the wonderful attributes that we read over and over in the Scripture. That's something for us to do.

The question we all have to face is: What is our _____ for doing it?

2. How to put off the old person; put on the new person



a. Action of the Holy Spirit

At the top of the triangle is the action of the Holy Spirit – new birth, gifts of the Spirit, fruit of the Spirit, anointing, baptism, filling.... That's right at the top because without that we're _____ in trespasses and sins.

b. Ordinary events of life

This is what we all fret about, worry about, and think over. If you accept your trials and you say, "*Praise God for these trials,*" you are going to be filled full of _____ and _____. And you're going to see the hand of God. You become _____ (James 1:2-4) in the trials of ordinary life.

Try to live a life in which you never hurry. Try to live a life in which you are constantly _____ for everything that comes. You can only do that if your expectation is of the Lord. If your expectation is of the Lord, then everything that comes to you, you will say, "This is the place that I will _____ the deliverance of God. I will _____ that God is here." And the peace and the joy will flow with that.

The action of the Holy Spirit is absolutely fundamental. These corners are not separate!

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Jesus said, “Without me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). And you can put it down that if you do nothing, it’ll be without him.

We don’t _____ anything. This project isn’t earning. It’s: *What kind of people are we becoming?* What you get out of your life, basically, and what God gets out of your life is the same thing. It’s the person you _____.

c. Planned disciplines for putting on new insides (guts, bowels, heart)

These are planned activities that we use to enable us to receive the fullness of the kingdom in such a way that it pervades our body and our soul and that it dominates our social context.

When you stop cooperating with evil, you suddenly restructure your whole world. That’s true in every aspect of life. What we need to do is stand in this spirit of transparency, truthfulness, lovingkindness, not trying to manipulate or manage anything, just being Christ’s woman or man in that context. We don’t need, generally, to jump on people and straighten them out.

The disciplines are practices that are in the Bible.

Discipline: Some activity in my power that enables me to accomplish what I cannot do by direct effort.

The two most fundamental spiritual disciplines are _____ and _____.

Solitude is *the* primary spiritual discipline for the spiritual life.

Further teaching about spiritual disciplines follows in Part 4 of the Authentic Leader series.