

Text, Context and The Soul
The Divine Conspiracy #8

**BEING A REALLY GOOD PERSON:
Beyond The Righteousness Of
The Scribes And Pharisees**

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HOW IS THAT TRANSFORMATION GOING TO COME ABOUT?

- **Not by human effort alone.**
- **Not without human effort.**
- **Not without grace and holy spirit.**
- **Not by grace and holy spirit alone
— not passively.**
- **“WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.”
(John 15:5) –Yes. And you can be sure if you
do nothing, it will be without Him.**

WHAT IS GRACE?

- **Grace is God acting in our lives to bring about what we cannot do on our own.**
- **Grace is not opposed to effort, but to earning.**
- **Grace eliminates pride, boasting, self-reliance and self-will.**
- **Grace is not just for guilt, but for life.**
Eph. 3:8, 1 Cor. 15:10, 2 Cor. 9:8 & 12:9-10

The Golden Triangle of Spiritual Growth

The Action of the Holy Spirit

John 3:5 ▪ Rom. 8:10-13 ▪ Gal. 5:22-26

**Centered in
the Mind of
Christ**

**Phil 2:12-15
Rom. 13:14**

**Ordinary Events of
Life: “Temptations”**

**James 1:2-4
Rom. 5:1-5**

**Planned Discipline to
Put on a New Heart**

**Col. 3:12-17
2: Pet. 1:5-10**

The “VIM” Principle

- Vision
- Intention
- Means



The Spiritual Disciplines

Disciplines of ABSTINENCE

- Solitude**
- Silence**
- Fasting**
- Frugality**
- Chastity**
- Secrecy**
- Sacrifice**

Disciplines of ENGAGEMENT

- Study**
- Worship**
- Celebration**
- Service**
- Prayer**
- Fellowship**
- Confession**

How Does One Practice The Disciplines?

- **Decide to live as Jesus' student**
- **Begin to obey His teachings**
- **Observe why you fail**
- **Do in reliance on the Spirit what will remove the causes of failure – These will be DISCIPLINES**

Two Subordinations

Improper

- **Body**
- **Soul**
- **Mind**
(Thought/Feeling)
- **Spirit**
- **God**

Proper

- **God**
- **Spirit**
- **Mind**
(Thought/Feeling)
- **Soul**
- **Body**

WHAT DOES ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH BEING SAVED?

- **Regeneration—New life from “above” makes forgiveness or justification appropriate.**
- **Naturally develops into sanctification,**
- **And makes glorification, already begun, inevitable**
- **Being saved is not a matter of where you are going but of who you are now: a participant in the life that Jesus is now living here.**