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## **Monday**

1Cor. 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.."

One overarching goal in life will change every interaction, every relationship, and every day of your life. When your primary desire is to glorify God then everything you say and do is filtered through that desire. Instead of how can I win, or how can I get my way, or even how can I get my point across; you ask yourself, how can I bring Glory to God in this situation? Sometimes that will mean swallowing pride, at other times it may mean healthy confrontation, but your goal will ever be 'do everything to the glory of God.' It must be your goal, not your goal for others, for you can only control yourself. How will you bring glory to God today?

## **Tuesday**

James 4:1-2 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it.

Wow! If that is not straightforward nothing is. Quarrels do not arise out of seeking God's glory but 'my way.' They are caused out of a false sense of entitlement. They grow out of ungodliness. The truth is true no matter the situation. Is this verse speaking of marital relations or church business meetings? Is it speaking of interpersonal relationships or large group dynamics? There is no distinction given. It is speaking of every relationship we own. What is the answer to quarrels? It is a change of desire. Oh Lord, please make my desire to do "all to the glory of God".

## **Wednesday**

Psa. 119:34 Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law  
And keep it with all my heart.

Does the bible work? The question is not "do you believe the bible," because surely the answer to that one would be "yes". But more deeply, do you believe the bible's answers, instructions, and directions work? Are they practical and reliable? Will they bring help or harm? God has specific instructions concerning our interaction with others, with spouses for instance—does the bible work here? God word has specific instructions for leadership and our relating to leaders—does the bible work here? The bible has instructions on words we use with one another and how we interact with other believers—does the bible work here? If so, are you walking in the word?

## **Thursday**

Heb. 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

Peace does not simply 'happen'. It must be pursued. It is a conscious determination by the believer, the follower of Jesus to be like Him. It must become a goal for living and a way of life. Jesus was clear, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). It is tied closely with sanctification, that is with our growth in becoming more like Jesus. It is to be pursued with all men, but the scripture is clear that a priority of peace rests upon our relationship with other believers, in our home or the house of God. Pursue peace as a peacemaker.

## **Friday**

Eph. 5:27 He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless..

My relationship with others is a reflection of my relationship with God. The one will not be right without the other. That is why 'church' holds a priority in the heart of the Savior. It is a place for working out peace in our lives. It is a place where the raw edges are smoothed and the sinful desires of selfishness are revealed. It is a place to practice peace, forgiveness, grace. Among God's imperfect people He is coordinating your perfection, bringing you to wholeness. You can't be godly without the church. God did not orchestrate it any other way.