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## **Monday**

Gal. 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Luther played a pivotal roll in God's plan for the church because he embraced a truth worth dying for. Such purpose in life made life worth living. Was it an easy life? No. Was it a perfect life? Far from it. Was it a valuable life, a useful life, a full life? Absolutely. Realizing that God has entrusted you with truth worth dying for will give you something worth living for as well. Why waste life on silly things or energy on childish things. There is a life full and abundant waiting for you each day when you embrace the truth of God's word and His call upon your life.

## **Tuesday**

Eph. 5:32 This mystery (the relationship of marriage) is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Amazingly a 16th century monk had a great deal to teach concerning the family, its joys and responsibilities. Luther was in his forties when God provided a mate (a former nun) and the moral freedom to marry. For the next twenty years he delighted in his wife and children and, from every indication, they delighted in him. The Christian man or woman cannot separate his/her role as 'spouse' or 'parent' from his/her calling as a Christian. Indeed there is no other calling so closely tied to our walk with God as that of a godly spouse. If you must succeed in only one thing in your Christian life, succeed in this.

## **Wednesday**

Gal. 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus...since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith...not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Of all the difficult doctrines to digest this must be the most difficult. It robs you of all pride, yet at the same time elevates you as a very child of the Lord God. It set you free from sin, guilt, and shame, while binding you forever to Jesus as your master. There is no work that you may do that can take away sin, no achievement you can claim to make you worthy of forgiveness. There is no further sacrifice to be made, for He has done it all, completely, forever. "By grace you are saved..."

## **Thursday**

2Tim. 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Every judgment must be put to this test: "What does the word of God say?" Every doctrine, every thought, every action must bear the same quiz: "What does the word of God say?" The opinions of men (yours included) are cheap, fleeting, and untrustworthy. The word of God is accurate, corrective, and eternal. Do not rely upon the thoughts of man. "What does the word of God say?"

## **Friday**

Rom. 8:28 We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

"Providence" is a word that describes the unsearchable works of God, who orchestrates times and events to bring about His will, in spite of appearances or the plans of men. God orchestrated a miracle of providence bringing together the printing press and the reforming monk. His providence orchestrated the threat of warring Turks to dissuade the Christian Emperor from waging war and destroying the Protestants. God is providentially working in your life as well. Trust Him.