

HOME DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

Week of January 25th - January 31st, 2025

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th, 2025

Daily Verse: Romans 12:1-21

Weekly Catechism

1. Q. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31), and to enjoy him for ever (Ps. 73:25–26).

Spurgeon, C. H. *A Catechism, With Proofs*. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009.

Sermon Notes

Zeal - Apathy Defeated

****Romans 12:1-21****

Main Points:

1. ****Zeal**** is a spirit-led passion and desire, applied to the things that matter most, that works as a motivating force behind a believer's initiative to using their gifts for the work of the _____ of _____.

2. Without Zeal... it is pro-longingly difficult for a believer to push into and persevere in difficult _____.

3. Lack of zeal is often caused by the " _____ " apathy.

4. The answer for the sickness of apathy is the _____.

5. When you put sin in it's rightful context... inside the greater Truth of the Gospel... it gets quickly _____ in the power of God. (Isaiah 25:8; 1 Corinthians 15:54; 2 Timothy 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:26)

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6. The first thing you have to realize is that you are _____. (Colossians 2:13-14; Romans 8:1)

7. The answer to overcoming shame is the _____, which enables you to forgive others

Referenced Bible Verses

****2 Corinthians 5:19**** – "that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."

****2 Corinthians 5:17**** – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

****John 16:33**** – "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

****Isaiah 25:8**** – "He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken."

****1 Corinthians 15:54**** – "When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'"

****2 Timothy 1:10**** – "and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,"

****1 Corinthians 15:26**** – "The last enemy to be destroyed is death."

****Romans 6:11**** – "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

****Luke 5:31-32**** – "And Jesus answered them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.'"

****Colossians 2:13-14**** – "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

****Romans 8:1**** – "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

****Mark 11:25**** – "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

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****Matthew 20:1-16**** – [Full parable of the workers in the vineyard quoted]

****James 5:16**** – "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."

****1 Corinthians 10:31**** – "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

****1 Timothy 6:11-12**** – "But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

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Monday, January 26th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: Romans 12:12

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

Today's focus is on maintaining joy, patience, and prayer as a response to the spiritual challenges we face. In the midst of trials, these three practices fuel our zeal, helping us remain spiritually alert and active. Rejoicing in hope means that we anchor ourselves in God's promises, while patience gives us the endurance to wait on God's timing.

Regular, fervent prayer is the backbone of a zealous spiritual life. It's in the quiet moments with God that we regain strength, realign our passions with His will, and find the peace necessary to face the difficulties of life. Prayer is where zeal is rekindled and transformed into action.

- How can you cultivate a mindset of hope in difficult circumstances?
 - What areas of your life require more patience?
 - How can you integrate more prayer into your daily routine?
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- Pray for the spiritual endurance to remain patient in trials.
 - Ask for the joy that comes from relying on God's faithful promises.

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Tuesday, January 27th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:54

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

Reflecting on the victory that swallows up death and sin imparts hope to our daily faith journey. Today, consider how the ultimate triumph of the Gospel gives us the zeal to overcome apathy and live passionately for Christ. Through His victory, we can approach every challenge with confidence and focus, understanding that death, and sin have been defeated.

This powerful truth empowers us to live vibrant lives filled with purpose, knowing that our service is fueled by Christ's love. As God swallowed up death in victory, let us allow Him to swallow up our apathy, replacing it with a zeal that transforms every aspect of our lives.

- How does Christ's victory over death impact your daily walk with God?
 - What role does the Gospel play in reviving your spiritual zeal?
 - How can you share this victory with others?
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- Pray for renewed enthusiasm in sharing the Gospel.
 - Rejoice in the victory won through Christ and seek ways to live it out daily.

Wednesday, January 28th, 2025

Prayer Nights at 7pm

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Thursday, January 29th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: 2 Timothy 1:10

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

Paul reminds us that through Christ, death is abolished, bringing life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Our zeal finds its strongest source in the life-giving power of the Gospel, which revitalizes every weary heart. It is Jesus' triumph over death that assures our own victory over spiritual apathy.

In a world where death seemed final, Jesus proved otherwise, setting an example of unparalleled zeal and courage. Take comfort and courage in His victory, allowing it to animate your own discipleship. Your zeal, fueled by this undefeated Gospel, will challenge apathy, transforming it into passionate pursuit of God's eternal story.

- What aspects of the Gospel reignite your sense of zeal?
 - How does Jesus' victory over death empower your daily walk?
 - In what ways can the Gospel story inspire your service today?
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- Pray for a clear vision of the Gospel's life-giving power.
 - Reflect on personal victories through Jesus' triumph.

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Friday, January 9th, 2025

✓ Daily Verse: 1 Timothy 6:2

✓ Review Weekly Catechism

✓ DEVOTIONAL

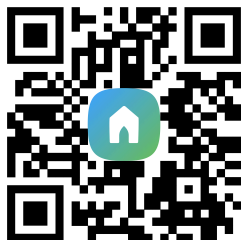
1 Timothy 6:12

As we conclude, we are implored to "fight the good fight of faith," embracing the eternal life to which we are called. Our devotional journey has been a call to rise from apathy, embodying the zeal that marks a purposeful Christian life. This struggle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual indifference.

In this fight, be reminded that God equips us with everything needed to wage it confidently. Endure in steadfastness, faith, and love, as you press onward. Zeal finds its home in the heart ready to embrace the call of God, ready to expand His Kingdom with passion and dedication.

- What does it mean to you to fight the good fight of faith?
 - How can you practically apply your zeal in daily life?
 - Reflect on your journey this week. What has shifted in your perspective?
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- Pray for strength to continue fighting the spiritual battles.
 - Seek clarity on your role in advancing God's Kingdom.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

Online-Only Service

9:15am

11:00am

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST - FAST STARTS

Morning Services

9:15am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

Morning Services

9:15am

9:30am - Men's Group

11:00am

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

Fast Ends

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

Wednesday Night Services

7:00pm