

How to Live 1 of 12

Communion

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“Jesus came to this earth to accomplish the greatest work ever accomplished among men. He came as God’s ambassador, to show us how to live so as to secure life’s best results” *Ministry of Healing*, page 365.

What are we studying in this class? How to live. Has someone come to show us? Who was it? Jesus. Then if we study how He lived, we’ll learn how to live. You notice that’s what He came for:

“He came as God’s ambassador, to show us how to live...” *Ibid.*

Let's watch how He did it and copying Him, we will have a similar experience.

Now, turn to *Ministry of Healing*, page 51. Who is our example? What did He come for? To show us how to live so as to accomplish the most and the best. All right, the first paragraph. Do you have it? All together:

“The Saviour’s life on earth was a life of communion with nature and with God. In this communion He revealed for us the secret of a life of power” *Ibid.*, page 51.

Now notice some keywords on that last line "secret." Does everybody know a secret? No. Do some people know a secret? Do you know the secret? Is this a secret that’s hidden? What does this sentence say? It’s what? Revealed. Who revealed it? Jesus. If we’ll listen to Him and watch Him, then we’ll learn what? The secret. The secret of life, how to live successfully a life of what? Power.

Do you want power? Power to overcome sin; power to be successful; power to help others? The secret of a life of power, Jesus has revealed is in what? Communion. Communion with whom? With God, with nature and with God. Of course, communion with nature, as Brother Cansler has brought out in the proceeding period, is communion with God for God is revealed through the works of nature.

The next page: I’m so glad the way these three different periods are blending. They ought to, shouldn’t they? Talking about the same thing from three different angles.

You've already looked at this little paragraph from the standpoint of studying nature. But I want you to notice something else that God through Jesus gave us an example on, something else that Christ studied in the setting of nature beside the birds and trees and flowers. What was it? He studied what? The Word of God:

"He studied the word of God, and His hours of greatest happiness were found when He could turn aside from the scene of His labors to go into the fields, to meditate in the quiet valleys, to hold communion with God on the mountainside, or amid the trees of the forest"
Ibid., page 52.

Now the next sentence together:

"The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating, searching the Scriptures, or in prayer"
Ibid.

There's an interesting word in that sentence that indicates that it wasn't routinely, every morning as regular as the sun was. What is the word that indicates that? Often. Was He usually there? Yes, I wonder why? Did you ever allow your mind to run on why it says "often" instead of "every morning"? Well, maybe His mother was sick, and He had to get breakfast that morning. Yes, maybe it was raining.

You know life is real, friends. And may I tell you something. The trouble with a lot of class work is that it deals with the impractical and the theoretical. Life is very real and practical. And Jesus came down to earth to deal with real things. He lived in a poor home. He didn't have a private room. He didn't have hot and cold running water. There were just a lot of things that we think are desirable, and some people think are necessary to spiritual life that Jesus never knew anything about. He took our problems with more inconvenience than any of us probably have ever experienced, and He showed how to live. But whether He got fed every day at the same minute, physically or spiritually, He saw to it that He got His physical and spiritual nutrition. He filled His soul from the Word of God.

I'd like to have you notice for a little bit what the purpose of this communion is that this is talking about. Communion, you know, is a two-way experience. In this early morning, He was meditating or searching the Scriptures or in what? Prayer. In prayer, what was He doing? Talking to God. When He studied the Scriptures, Who was talking to Him? His Father.

That's what He wants shall happen to us. He wants us to talk to Him in prayer, and He wants to talk to us through His Word. Christ is the living Word. And when we receive this Word we receive Him.

Page 122 of *Ministry of Healing*: I'm so anxious that every student here thoroughly, in your experience at Wildwood, learn the great power that there is in the

simple experience that Jesus had when He was a youth in Nazareth and that you can have right here:

“The same power that Christ exercised when He walked visibly among men is...”

Where?

“...in His word” *Ibid.*

You mean the power that opened the blind eyes and raised the dead is in this book? That’s right.

Now the next paragraph, the first sentence, all together:

“The Scriptures are to be received as God’s word to us, not written merely, but spoken” *Ibid.*

This isn’t just a letter from God to you. In these pages, God is doing what? Speaking to you. Did you ever hear Him speak to you through these pages? This you must seek with intensity of desire to know the voice of God speaking to you through these pages.

The third paragraph:

“So with all the promises of God’s word. In them He is...”

Doing what?

“...speaking to us...”

What’s the next word?

“...Individually...” *Ibid.*

What does that mean? Does that mean that Brother Cansler will get something especially for him from this Book different from what I might get? Does this mean that Jesus will take this Book and give me something different from what He’ll give anybody else here? Is that right? That’s correct, friends, don’t miss that!

Now, don’t misunderstand me. That doesn’t mean that God will take this Book and tell somebody to keep the Sabbath and tell somebody else to break it. Or He’ll not take this Book and tell you not to steal and tell someone else to steal. That isn’t the point at all. But there are thousands of individual experiences where the Word of God can mean to you something that nobody else ever got quite that thought and quite that application. And you need that.

Now, hold your finger there on page 122 of *Ministry of Healing* and turn back to page 100. Notice we’re hanging right here to this book *Ministry of Healing*, but

this class of 12 lessons will only be an introduction in this study. I hope you will fall so in love with this book that it will become one of your main companions all the rest of your life.

In the middle of this page, you'll find a sentence beginning with "Every individual." Do you find it? All right let's read that:

"Every individual has a life distinct from all others, and an experience differing essentially from theirs" *Ibid.*, page 100.

You mean you have an experience different from anybody else in the world? That's right, different from anybody else. And the purpose of your training at Wildwood is not to make you a stereotyped, regimented domino to be moved about by somebody. It is to develop in you the personal experience, the character that God planned when He made you.

And this view of things simplifies so many matters. When you come on this campus, you may see some things that make you wonder. "I wonder why they do this or that or the other thing." Well, you can inquire. If there're some references you may be referred to, you may read them. But my dear friend, never make any change in your life in diet, in dress, in music, in reading, in association, in recreation, and in the way you spend your time or your money; never make any change in your life without finding out personally what Jesus wants you to do about it.

Why, you say, "Well, other people don't seem to agree with me."

Well, that isn't what I'm talking about. I'm talking about you getting the message Jesus is telling you. Since all the people in the world do not agree about anything, no matter what conclusion you come to, you'll be out of step with somebody. Just settle that right now.

Did you ever hear this proverb? When in Rome, do as the Romans do. How many of you ever heard that? Which book of the Bible is that in? It's not in the epistles to the Romans. It's not in any of the books in the Bible. That's a saying from the great apostasy which developed into the Papacy. That's where it came from. When in Rome do as Jesus would do. That's the real one.

Now let's go back to page 122, third paragraph, let's read together:

"So with all the promises of God's word. In them He is speaking to us individually, speaking as directly as if we could listen to His voice" *Ibid.*, page 122.

Oh friends, I have an assignment to give you. Between now and our class tomorrow afternoon, sometime this evening or tomorrow morning, if you've never done this before do it, and if you have you'll be doing it anyway, if you've never done it before, take your Bible and kneel down alone with God. Close your eyes and say in your own words, in your own way, "Dear Lord, speak to me through Thy Word. I

want not merely to read a letter. I want to hear You speaking to me through these pages.”

Ask Him to do it. Tell Him you believe He'll keep His word; open your eyes and read His directions; listen for His voice; talk to Him about it—to listen while He speaks and then to talk while He listens, this is communion. And in this communion is the secret of a life of power. This is the key of how to live. I've given you the key, now, but you must open the door. A key jingling in your pocket will never open anything. It may make a sound, but the door is still locked.

Will you take the key? Will you take your Bible, and alone with God let Jesus speak to you through this Word, and then you speak to Him, back and forth, back and forth? Then you will know what no one else can teach you—personal communion with God. And remember, what He gives you is going to be something sweet and precious for you alone.

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