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Each One! Bless One!

You Make a Difference!

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It is imperative for us Christians to die daily; here is a way to do just that.

"Then he said to them all:

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.""

LUKE 9:23-24 (NIV)

piritual Development Tool. As a new or older Christian you may have asked someone, "How do I grow spiritually?" You may or may not have received the answer which you wanted or needed. Reading the Bible and listening to your pastor's sermons may not be giving you the day-to-day spiritual growth you are expecting. Or you may not understand what you are reading or you may have forgotten what the pastor's sermon was about 15 minutes after you get home from church.

This is a handy tool which you can use daily to track your progress as a Christian. It is a Christian training exercise to get you to the point in your spiritual development where you will have Christ Confidence to do those things which the LORD requires of us daily.

Let me explain to you how this works. You want to print this page and take it with you daily. In the space provided either place a number there or a "I" to signify "one" notation of the negative attribute or the positive attribute. At the end of the day, at night before you read your Bible, add them up and see which category has the highest number of notations. It is obvious that the negative attribute which has the highest number needs the most work. The positive attribute which has the most notations is the one which you exhibit the most. And that is the way it goes. Try it and email it to your friends to let them try it too. It is a tool for spiritual development. It works if you use it.

To keep it simple, I will not give you a rating chart; you only add the number of times per day you see the exhibited behavior on the day in question. Read the entire list before starting.

DEFECT (NEGATIVE) (POSITIVE)

REPLACE DEFECT WITH

SUNDAY	
self-pitying	self-confidence
self-centeredness	God/other-centeredness
smug	open-minded
prideful, arrogant	humble
panicky	stable
violent	peace, non-violent
MONDAY	
lustful	God's love (agape)
stubborn	gracious
greed generosity,	charity
inconsistent	consistent
perfectionist	understanding
envious	content
TUESDAY	B ()
hedonistic	awareness of the needs
nedoffistic	of others
discourteous	courteous
self-indulgent	helpful to others
unkind	kind
selfish	generous
fearful,	confident,
TUESDAY	
indifferent	loving, caring
domineering	cooperative
lacking discretion	discreet
judgmental	constructively critical
insincere	sincere
impatient	patient

dishonestintolerantungratefulunrealisticlazyunreasonable	honesttolerantthankfulrealisticindustriousreasonable
THURSDAY	
withdrawn	outgoing
aimless	purposeful
worrisome	calm
irresponsible	responsible
tense	relaxed
resentful, angry	forgiving
FRIDAY	1000
suspicious	trusting
apprehensive	having faith
prone to gossip	trustworthy
despondent	hopeful
pessimistic	optimistic
disagreeable	agreeable
depressed	cheerful
SATURDAY	
living in the past	living for today
rigidity	spontaneity
insecurity	trust in God
procrastinating	prompt
self-righteous	willing to admit
disinterested in self	willing to seek emotional
using talents and abilities	and spiritual balance

If you have trouble with any of the words in this list, go to a dictionary to look up the definition. If the positive attribute or the negative one doesn't match for you, then you put the one in that does.

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT TOOL