

General Maxims

by John Follette

The sermon emphasizes the importance of living for the heart of God, developing a God consciousness, and recognizing the difference between being religious and being spiritual.

Scripture: Psalm 46:10, Matthew 6:33, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 2:13, Colossians 2:3, James 4:8

Topics: "Intimacy With God", "Spiritual Growth"

Description

John Follette emphasizes the importance of knowing Christ intimately, allowing His character to be built within us, and living in righteousness through Him. He highlights the significance of moving in alignment with the Word of God, surrendering to God's will, and focusing on the essentials of faith rather than doctrinal debates. Follette encourages a deep spiritual connection with God, a total deliverance in Christ, and a life of humility, worship, and adoration. He reminds believers to prioritize their relationship with God above all else, to be aware of His presence, and to seek spiritual reality over material possessions.

Transcript

If we know HIM, we know enough!

Christ's character is built in us; not given to us. Righteousness is imputed.

Never take the initiative in moving into anything unless you have the Word of God to garrison you. --As soon as the Spirit takes hold of that Word, He makes it a throbbing reality.

The motto of Jesus' life: "I have come to do Thy will, O God."

Some leave the great essentials, and involve themselves with doctrinal issues.

Don't crowd God into two thousand years.

We were not made for the here and now; we were made for the heart of God.

The spiritual, mental and physical should all have their source in the Christ.

It is not a reformation, but a total deliverance when He comes.

When we move in the will of God, it answers about a thousand prayers.

There is such a difference between being religious and being spiritual.

Always watch out that you have not too many possessions. If you are not careful, those possessions will possess you!

Don't develop a devil consciousness; develop a God consciousness.

Too many are conscious of their limitations. Count HIM in! Remember what He did with five loaves and two fishes.

We should give to God our very best--and all that we have.

We can be just as holy, just as devoted to Jesus as we want to be; and we can walk just as near to Him as we want to.

We can let the hour of our visitation slip right away from us. Awareness--we have to be aware.

The highest vocation of any spiritual manifestation is worship and adoration; not service.

The whole issue between broken humanity and God is a question of life and death; not heaven and hell.

Lord, keep me alive until I die.

Humility is something which is birthed within, and, if we think we have it; we haven't!

In the realm of the Spirit, there is no distinction between secular and holy. Everything in God's sight, in this new life, is holy.

We learn the laws of living in the realm of spiritual reality by living.

"I don't want your gifts, your services, what you are doing; I want your HEART."

He has so many who serve Him, but so few who love Him!

Everybody wants the fruitage; nobody wants the death that causes the fruitage.

When He gives a word, it is creative, and has a measure of faith every time.

Miracles are for beginners, but, for disciples, He expounds all things.

Miracles appeal to the cosmic curiosity of the flesh. Don't commercialize them. Have spiritual adjustment in God. "Rejoice not in miracles, but that your name is written in heaven.."

Many have the Christ, but they have not discovered the hidden treasures in Him. (Colossians 2:3)

Never "Why" God: Worship Him!

Truth is never ours until it is personalized in our lives.

It is good to have a disappointment once in a while. It will throw us into God like nothing else will.

He is always and forever the same, but He is seeking to change us.

You and I are basically made for His pleasure.

Don't read traditionally, or perfunctorily, because you think you have to read!

Just to please the heart of God one day at a time is wonderful. Don't let your life pattern project so far ahead that it swallows up the importance of the moment.

I like what I call an overall pattern and perspective in my thinking.

My ministry is only a means unto the end; it is not the end.

The instrument is always of greater value than what the instrument can do.

No experience, in itself, ever matures us.

The more we see and know Him: The more we love Him.

Anybody can stand a blessing, but few people can take a defeat, a disappointment.

Here (on earth) is the place of decision.

Then (in heaven) is the place of expression.

I am saved;

I am being saved;

I am yet to be saved.

Jesus: "I made the testing; also a way of escape."

Everybody has enough entertainment -- they need instruction!

God has all eternal ages to work out the problems that we can't work out here.

Every heart has its own discipline, its own cross, and its own dealings with God.

"Be still and know that I am God." -- Don't clatter so much!

My motto: Keep in the middle of the road.

We learn to pray by praying.

In a consecrated life, there are no accidents.

The martyrs in the arena in Rome had an inner 'fife element: They had agape love. Some can't face a lion, because they cannot face themselves for five minutes!

The devil will tempt us with the identical setup God uses to test us. Temptation is always unto defeat and death. Testing is always unto strength and life.

A walk in the Spirit is not a gift; it is an attainment.

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