Daily Connection and following the Leading of the Spirit

2016

I The Habit

DYK- _____ total days an average American spends brushing teeth over lifetime.

I Cor.9: 24-27 NKVJ
Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it.* 25 And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown.* 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Hebrews 12:1-2
Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1. The first thing is , we ought to _____ _____ _____

I Corinthians 9:24
Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*

2. The victorious Christian is an example of _____ and ____ _____ .
I Cor. 9:25, 27

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II The Connection

_____ is a "big deal" in living a faithful Christian Life!

"No man that was entangles himself with the affairs of this life if his object is to please Him that has called him to be a soldier." II Tim. 2:4

Life is won or lost in the every day.
A. Prayer

- Rejoice always, [17] pray without ceasing, [18] in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thes. 5:16-17

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- The greatest tragedy is prayer that goes unanswered because it goes unasked. Mark Batterson

- "If you can't tell me Where and When you pray, you're probably not praying." Terry Shock

B. The Word

- Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lᴏʀᴅ God of hosts. Jer. 15:16

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- There needs to be a desperation in our relationship with HIM
- Psalm 63:1-8

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;[2] To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. [3] Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. [4] Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. [5] My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:[6] When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. [7] Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. [8] My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

III The Leading

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All have in common? Following after the LEADING of the spirit

John 10: 1-5, 27

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. [2] But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and **leads** them out. [4] And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep **follow him**, for they know his voice. [5] Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they **follow Me**.

1. We are his sheep

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2. We can hear his voice

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3. He knows us

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4. We can follow him

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