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Thanks,  
Appreciation,  
Gratitude,  
and Prayer

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Who We are:

We are Spiritual Beings  
who are One With  
Christ having a  
Human Experience.

## Focus Scripture:

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and Perfect Will of God.

*Romans 12: 2 NKJV*

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Series:

~ *Balancing Engagement with Detachment:* ~

Thought for Today:

*Get to BED*

*Part: 2*

*Obligation vs Obedience*



# Balancing Engagement & Detachment

## Mature Active Nonconformists

### Balance

- An even distribution of weight enabling someone or something
- to remain upright and steady: stability, steadiness, footing
- A condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions: fairness, justice, impartiality
- to keep a balance between work and relaxation.
- Spiritual balance refers to a state of harmony with oneself and with others. It is a result of an unimpeded flow of energy that is expressed through the body, mind, emotions, soul, and spirit.
- In Christian Spirituality, balance has more to do with temperance, which means that we allow our deepest principles to hold our passions in check.





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### Divine Balance

- There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven...  
*Ecc. 3:1-8*
- Let Him weigh me with accurate scales, And let God know my integrity. *Job 31:6*
- For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.  
*John 1:7*

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### Engagement

- To interest someone in something and keep them thinking about it
- Engaged spirituality, usually refers to people who are involved in the world around them in a spiritual way, while they find guidance, nurture, or inspiration in their interactions, beliefs and practices.
- Actively engage in the world in order to transform it in ways consistent with their beliefs.

How do we interact with others?





## Divine Engagement

- Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity! *Psalm 133:1*
- Finally, all of *you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* courteous. *1 Peter 3:8*
- Do not be wise in your own opinion. *Romans 12:16*

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### Detachment

- The state of being objective or aloof
- The state of being UNemotionally or personally involved
- Indifference, in order to maximize a person's availability to God and to their neighbors.

How do we detach from others?

Bad Company corrupt good morals. *1 Cor. 15:33*

The kind of friend we keep affects your relationship with God. Our close friends have a massive influence on our lives. When we spend time with people who hold worldly morals, we risk adopting their behaviors and habits.

It's crucial to choose our company wisely and stand firm in our faith.



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## *Obligation vs Obedience: To Whom are we committed?*

Why do we detach from others?

<sup>48</sup> He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” <sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Matthew 12: 48 – 50*

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; <sup>36</sup> and ‘a man’s enemies *will be* those of his *own* household.’ <sup>37</sup> He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

<sup>39</sup> He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it. *Matthew 10: 34 - 39*

The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in The Lord shall be safe.

*Proverbs 29:25*

So we may boldly say: “The Lord *is* My Helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

*Hebrews 13:6*

## Why we detach from others?



If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a Special Treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine.

**Exodus 19:5**

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our Home with him.”

**John 14:23**

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of The Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in The Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

For do I now persuade men, or God?  
Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men,  
I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

**Galatians 1:10**

## Obligation vs Obedience: Balancing Engagement with Detachment

“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, developing well-formed maturity in you.”

*Romans 12: 2 TMSG*

# Closing, Invitation and Benediction:

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“Now to Him Who is able to keep  
you from falling,  
and to present *you*  
faultless before the Presence of  
His Glory with exceeding joy.

To God Our Savior, *Be* Glory and  
Majesty, Dominion and Power,  
both now and forever...”

*Jude 1:24 - 25*

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