

DICIPLINE IS A VITAL QUALITY IN:

1. Commitment: The undisciplined cannot maintain level and grow
 2. Authority: He who cannot follow is not worthy to lead
 3. Obedience: He who cannot obey orders, is not qualified to give them
 4. Separation: Beyond reach of undisciplined
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- I. Discipline Is the Law of Selection:
 - Demands subordination of lesser to greater
 - Establishes priorities
 - Entails denials
 - Is the ability to decline and daily reject the army of things crying out for attention
 - II. Aspiration and Desires Are Usually Not Beyond One's Capacity but Beyond Their Discipline
 - III. Discipline is Usually Not Plagued and Destroyed by Lack of Knowledge but Lack of Action
 - IV. Discipline Manifests Itself In Reliability, Steadfastness, Orderly Consistency and Purpose.
 - V. Disciplined People Can Carry the Large Responsibility That Goes with Acquiring and Being Successful
 - Often the undisciplined can achieve a measure of success but usually cannot maintain because not properly prepared for pressure and weight of responsibility
 - VI. Discipline Recognizes the Deceptiveness and Destructiveness of American Humanistic Emphasis Placed Upon relaxation. Recreation, And Pleasure
 - VII. Discipline of The Emotions and Feelings Prevents Degeneration into Irresponsible Sentimentality and Adolescent Impulsiveness
 - VIII. Discipline of The Body Is Usually Seen in Superior Health, Longevity, Greater Efficiency, Effectiveness and Extends Years of Fruitfulness
 - IX. Discipline Can Become Destructive When:
 1. Substituted for Holiness as a carnal Christian or Heathen can be strong in discipline
 - This is primary way Christianity is infiltrated by strong natural people who are not necessarily strong spiritually
 2. Established as a means to Holiness
 - It is necessary to live a life acceptable to God, but will not within itself straighten up a sinful life
 3. Utilized as a shackle for sin or to imprison sin or limits its activity but it cannot destroy sin, which is work of repentance
 - Holding sin in control is not the answer. Sin cannot be starved to death
 4. Subjection of sin by will training will usually end in defeat under stress of consistent temptation
 - X. Discipline Is Absolutely Vital to Protect and Extend One's Christian Life Through Consistent Feeding.