



# Weekly Devotion

## Maintaining Balance In Life

**"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33**

Life is multifaceted and constantly demands our attention in many ways. Each one is insistent and requires our daily if not hourly attention, and if it's ignored then it slowly suffers until our attention is redirected to satisfy its demand. Even though it may seem that we are incapable of balancing the growth in areas of our life such as work, relationships, spouse, kids, hobbies, social activities, health, and fun, it is a crucial and attainable goal to a balanced and fulfilled life.

The foundation to stabilizing life is a consistent and solid relationship with God. If our relationship is lacking in any capacity, it's easy to realize that every other aspect of our life won't function at its optimum level. While juggling life's daily demands, if any one area goes sideways it can make most days a depressing journey that we tread rather than rejoice through. If we ignore our health then we may be gloomy or temperamental, mentally slow on the uptake and missing the focus and energy required to complete what God has placed on our hearts. Or think about a relationship that has gone sideways, where the parties are dissatisfied dealing with life instead of enjoying life. These types of relational hiccups cast a dark shadow over life in general and everybody associated with it

because life will be perceived through pain, hopelessness, and disillusionment. Consider your job, the financial and emotional baggage it brings if it is not properly cared for. Life clearly feeds all areas simultaneously and affects the holistic reality of our life.

When we think about balancing the various aspects of our life, it would seem to require a very disciplined approach. However, beyond the discipline it may require, it takes a deep faith in God to rely on His efforts towards establishing that balance. His Word teaches and supports us to be a steward over all aspects of our life for His glorification and as an example to others. God knows that when we pay too close attention to any particular aspects of life that they can become idols and our single-minded approach or addiction to them while disregarding others will cause a breakdown in those aspects.

It's ideal to consider our life to be established in a tight relationship with our Lord. Also, it's astute to acknowledge that a couple of areas flourishing while others lag behind is not even close to the fulfillment or future as when all areas are developing simultaneously. What's more, even though all areas might grow a little more slowly, the "all areas developing" undertaking will pretty much rule out the enemy acquiring entry to employ any area of breakdown to tarnish the remainder of our life.

Question: Are there areas of your life that are in jeopardy and in need attention if you don't make a commitment to strengthen them?

*Give all parts of your life the consideration it merits today.*

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### PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



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