

## Sermon Notes for October 18, 2009

### Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith

#### Part Three - Private Disciplines

##### Matthew 6:1-18 (p. 960 in the pew Bible)

The word "discipline" isn't very positive. By definition, it means either "punishment" or "work." But there's no denying that going through disciplines make us stronger and help us grow in our faith.

In Matthew 6, Jesus challenges us to have discipline in three areas...

#### To have discipline with your \_\_\_\_\_.

Notice Jesus' teaching...

It's to be p\_\_\_\_\_.

There is a p\_\_\_\_\_.

Are you resisting this? Good!

Resistance training leads to increased \_\_\_\_\_.

Resistance also reveals what we \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wants your \_\_\_\_\_. But what's the payoff?

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#### To have discipline with your \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wants our prayers to be s\_\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_\_

and s\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wants your \_\_\_\_\_. But what's the payoff?

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#### To have discipline with your \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wants your \_\_\_\_\_. But what's the payoff?

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The idea is to give God the \_\_\_\_\_ of everything. That way, we'll learn to trust Him with all of it.

Take the 60 Day Challenge. God says "\_\_\_\_\_!"

Malachi 3:10

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