Diving Deeper into Discipleship

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More: Your God is Too Small—Absolute Perfection

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Are you trapped in the service of the "god of one hundred percent?" Are you stuck trying to score a spiritual "perfect-10?"
- Thank God for the perfect, one-time sacrifice for sin that we have in Christ!
- Which understanding of biblical perfection connects best with the way you know you still need to grow? Becoming whole?
 Becoming mature? Becoming undivided?
- Ask God to stir within you a powerful, Christ-centered energy by which you can "strenuously contend" against the enemies of your growth toward full maturity.

particularly true of the various rites of passage in our culture like birthdays, graduations, marriages, and anniversaries. But milestones like these aren't the only causes for celebration. Celebrate when you do well on an exam, complete a project at work, learn how to play a new song, complete a puzzle at home. When you learn to get excited over the little things, it creates a posture of celebration in your life!

Notes

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- Leviticus 19:1-37 | Among this long Old
 Testament list of ways to obey the command
 from God, "Be holy because I am holy," do you
 think all of them are still "in force" for Christians
 today? Why or why not?
- Proverbs 1:1-7 | What are some of the benefits of a heart and mind inclined toward learning and wisdom?
- James 1:2-5 | What role do "trials" play in us becoming "mature" (teleios)?

Self-Care Discipline

August Discipline: Celebration

"Little Things" | from Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster, pg 190, 199

- Celebration is at the heart of the way of Christ.
 He entered the world on a high note of jubilation:
 "I bring you good news of a great joy," cried
 the angel, "which shall come to all the people"
 (Luke 2:10). He left the world bequeathing His
 joy to the disciples: "These things I have spoken
 to you that My joy may be in you, and that your
 joy may be full" (John 15:11).
- A final way to make celebration a regular practice is to truly get excited about even the small things. Make family events into times of celebration and thanksgiving. This is