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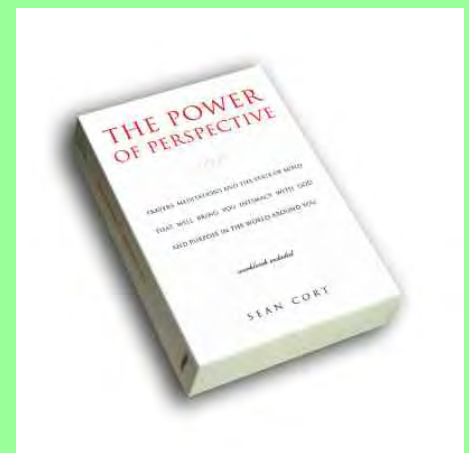
LIFE ENHANCING DEVOTIONALS
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OPPOSITES ATTRACT

In grade school you may remember taking part in conducting cool science experiments with magnets and learning about negative and positively charged particles. As we grew up the words negative and positive became attributes applied to people and situations. As adults we learned in our love relationships that sometimes it's best to have someone's positives to offset your negatives and vice versa; we understand this as Opposites Attract.

This is such an interesting dynamic for me to this day. I come across countless couples who have some of the most stable and rock solid relationships even



though they appear so incompatible.

We all can relate to couples whose personalities are as different as tropical and arctic. Let's take for instance Bill and Carol. Bill is quiet and reserved while Carol is the busy bee who is always the life of the party. Carol is the one that everybody calls and leaves messages on the voice mail for, yet Bill is the one who sees to it that she returns the phone calls. Everyone addresses them as Carol and Bill in conversation but Bill is the one that helps her to remember the names of the people they see at the supermarket. On the other hand Carol helps Bill when it comes to matters of the heart such as forgiveness and generosity due to the fact that Bill is so methodical that he sometimes loses his sensitivity. Their success as a couple is based on making each other look good.

God is a bit more sovereign and therefore requires a higher standard from us. God desires that we pour out of ourselves that which we request of Him. Simply, we must give in order to get. This is our Heavenly father requiring good manners of us before we request of Him. For example, if you desire forgiveness of Him, we must first forgive others (Matthew 16:14-15).

In order to have friends you must first show yourself friendly (Proverbs 18:24). In order to hear more from God and become more sensitive to the matters of God you must first deny self (Luke 9:23-24). To be in a financial covenant with God you must first give of yourself financially (Malachi 3:10)

In order to stand God requires we kneel. In order to heal we must first break. In order to move ahead we must first wait. Our relationship with God is like no other. He is more than an ATM machine or a search engine on the internet. If God stopped talking to us for the next 300 years He would not cease being God. If for 500 years He never cured another illness or changed another circumstance on this planet for better He would still be God. Only He knows the ebb and flow of the grace He has allowed us.

When we aspire for intimacy with a God we cannot see, we are forced to love this God on His terms and His terms alone. God says without faith it is impossible to please Him (Hebrews 11:6). This faith means that we must expend the very resource we want Him to bless us with. Sometimes that last

bit we have is what is stopping the flow from Him to us. Luke 6:38 says "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." The amplified bible interprets measure as the benefits you confer upon others will be conferred upon you.

In our daily walk it becomes so easy to forget that very little we do actually impresses God. By the mere fact that He allows us to wake up and then have the faculties to know what to do next should not make us feel that He's moved by this. The fact that we can walk to the bathroom and relieve, wash and adorn ourselves in a manner that suits our custom means nothing to Him. God cares nothing for the diplomas on our wall, what we drive or the label stitched or glued on the insoles of our shoes.

God begins to let His glory seep into the top of our atmosphere when we open our eyes and realize who gave our brain the impulse to cause our eyes to open and have the sense and decency to say "Thank You Lord." What brings God's glory a little closer to us is when we choose to walk to the bathroom we ask, "Lord, please guide my steps today and when people see me, show me how to make you look good?"

The difference between God choosing to saturate you with His presence or passing you by is the difference between you thinking your cup is filled just right or the fact that you desperately want to empty yourself out, so that He can fill you daily with fresh oil or new wine. On Calvary it was about us; but now, it's all about Him.

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Sean