

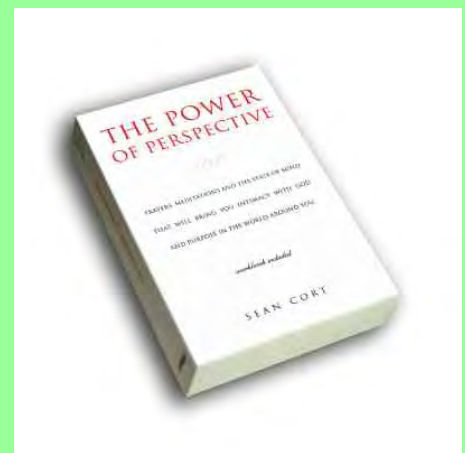
SNACK FOOD FOR THE SOUL

LIFE ENHANCING DEVOTIONALS
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Feast on this...

YARD OF THE MONTH

This past week I was blessed with the tremendous honor of receiving the Yard of the Month designation for the community I live in. With this honor you get a prominently placed wrought iron sign that bears the name of our community and the words "Yard of the Month". This was especially meaningful to me since I take great pride in caring for my lawn and the lush plants in and around my property. Living in a tropical climate affords one the luxury of having plants in bloom almost nine months out of the year.



Sounds bit braggadocios you say? Well here's where I'm going with this. At a very young age the Matriarch of my life, my grandmother taught me about Matthew 25:23 which says "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord". The amplified bible interprets this as "His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable,admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much. Enter into and share the joy (the delight, the blessedness) which your master enjoys.

I've grown to faithfully apply this teaching to almost every aspect of my life. As a friend I treat my friends with loving kindness, honesty, loyalty and generosity. My love relationships have been adorned with love, transparency, laughter and attentiveness. Every position I've held professionally to this day is better than the day I found it. I treated my first car and my first apartment as though they were on loan to me by a rich oil Sheik. All my shoes and clothing I treat as though I may not receive any more for years to come. I treat my family with the care as though their lives are literally in my hands. Most importantly I treat the relationship with my God as though my soul depends on it, and it does.

Being faithful over everything that God has blessed you with is really quite fundamental. If the CEO of your company does a site visit and as a reward for a job well done assigns you their first dollar ever earned as a temporary keepsake until his next trip to reclaim it; you would probably guard it with your life. Well in essence God assigned us the care of the name of His Son Jesus until His return as well. As a professed Christian this name is seen in every thing you do. It's in the way you greet and treat people. It's in the way you carry and present yourself. It's in the way you care for your physical and mental health, possessions and property and it's even in the way you handle difficult situations.

Your attitude toward the things and the people in your life that you claim you hate are a direct reflection of your attitude toward Christ. Indifference and resentment are not coping mechanisms in the eyes of the Lord; they are excuses for not loving Him unconditionally. Nothing we do or achieve truly

impresses God. We can only please Him by showing how we honor Him inwardly by expressing Him outwardly despite the pain emotionally. That is our homage to Calvary and His suffering. That is our answer to the question He asks on the Day of Judgment when He says, "What have you done with my Son Jesus when you....?"

So for the four years the Lord has blessed my family with this home I have taken great pride in sweeping out our garage, trimming our hedges, pulling weeds and tending to our palm trees. I am teaching our children this by example. Having the yard of the month is simply man's recognition for one aspect of what I do well. If our community never bestowed this honor upon my household I would still continue to maintain my property. My delight in everything I do is NOT for the recognition I MAY receive from man, but for the satisfaction the Lord grants me. Thus far the Lord has faithfully entrusted me with bigger and greater achievements and possessions due to my faithfulness to Him.

Man will never accurately appraise your value so therefore you should never esteem yourself upon his validation. The validation of man is conditional and fleeting, REMEMBER, only what you do for Christ will last.

SNACK FOOD'S FIRST LIVE DVD TAPING!!!

If you are a Central Florida resident, Friday, June 11th from 7-9PM will be our first live DVD taping of our Power of Perspective Journey Series Seminar. We will be taping a three part DVD series entitled "The Things that Make and Break You." The three topics covered will be "How to Master the Art of Prayer", "How to Successfully Manage the Relationships in Your Life" and "How to Handle New Situations as Though

You've Been There Before".

Admission is free but please reserve your seat by replying to this email directly or by the email address below to get more details. This Journey Series is created to give you relevant biblically based wisdom that you can readily apply tomorrow so that your tomorrow will be better than yesterday.

DVD's can be pre-ordered for attendees at 50% off the retail value. These seminars and workshops will be taught in the same easy to understand and applicable style that these Snack Food devotionals are written.

Have an indescribably blessed week!

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