

# *SNACK FOOD FOR THE SOUL*

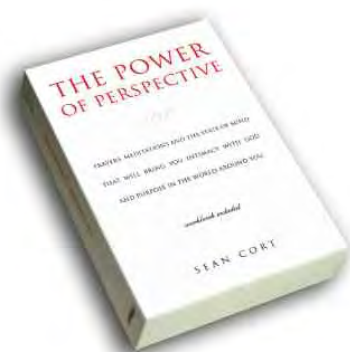
DEVOTIONALS THAT ENHANCE YOUR THOUGHT LIFE. INSPIRED BY THE BOOK, [\*THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE\*](#). WRITTEN BY SEAN CORT

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Feast on this...

## ***ASSEMBLY REQUIRED***

Two words often associated with the Christmas blur especially when you have in your possession an item that can't fully fit into the box it came in. If you lack patience or the critical



thinking dexterity of an engineer then fewer phrases in the English language bring about more intimidation than *assembly required*. I have had to put together universal weight systems, entertainment centers and children's furniture; and nothing gave me the shakes and a cold sweat like the instruction manual for a child's toy.

The anxiety level that is derived from that phrase has actually determined my purchasing habits over the years; pretty pathetic huh? I look at it this way; we all have our defining moments in life. A few of mine occurred during the time when my then fiancé purchased some furniture during one of her moves from one home to another. Some of the furniture purchased was from one of those "do it yourself" furniture stores. Although the furniture was spectacular to look at, it came in a box that had at least five hundred parts and took me two days to assemble. Don't laugh!

I started to question my ability to care for and provide for what was to be our new family. After several hours of painstaking reading of print that was too small and language too ambiguous to understand; I suddenly realized that there were a few missing parts. These minor screws were simple to overlook but vitally important to the stability and function of the furniture, unless we chose to never sit in that particular chair or rest anything on that particular table. Then to add insult to injury, I came across an indiscreet label that says "If there are any missing parts, DO NOT return to the store you purchased the merchandise from, call the 800 number.

Needless to say, as a family we have now chosen to pay extra for in store assembly. So why so much detail for something that has nothing to do with you, you may ask? As tradition goes we tend to spend the last few days of the year in a reflective and somber tone. Some of us review our wins and loses column for the year and set our state of mind going into the New Year according to the column that has the most check marks.

As we say goodbye to the mindset that earned us our wins and loses lets greet 2011 with a different twist. Perhaps we can spend a couple of hours worth of *Me Time* to go over our personal packaging, the instruction manual we think we portray and most importantly, how we comply with the factory specifications that our creator produced us with. Basically, let's take

a couple of hours this week to devote the patience, courage and critical thinking necessary to rethink the neglected and to assemble or re-assemble some of the broken areas in our lives.

Let's ask ourselves the serious questions like; are we bringing the same negative or destructive patterns into every situation we enter? Are we truly the victim all the time or are we sometimes the offender who rejects accountability and improvement? Perhaps our ego has overstepped God's grace and the rest of the world is now seeing what already knew. Have you become so steeped in instant gratification that you have lost all grasp of discipline? Lastly, are you where you were this time last year because of fear?

Regardless of your answers to these personal questions; just know we are all missing some necessary screws that are needed for our completion. As a result let's look to our manufacturer not to man to address our defects. God still sees us as perfection through the blood of Jesus. Unlike man, Jesus' love doesn't judge our faults nor does it compete with our strengths; it simply convicts and convinces us of how perfect His love for us is. All He cares about is that we love Him with all we've got and treat each other with the good sense we have and the way we expect Him to treat us. That's all and it's that simple.

I pray God's immense measure of favor for your life by way of joy, health and prosperity upon everything you love and touch in the New Year! In Jesus Name!

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

**THERE WILL BE NO LIFE ENHANCEMENT CLASSES UNTIL THURSDAY JANUARY 6, 2011.**

**IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL BE PRAPARING TO MAKE TWO BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS IN JANUARY. WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT GOD IS ALLOWING US TO ACCOMPLISH AND LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE**

**GREAT NEWS WITH OUR SNACK FOOD FAMILY VERY SOON.**

**PRAYER WARRIORS ARE BLESSED TO CONTINUE HONORING YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS BY SIMPLY RESPONDING TO THIS EMAIL.**

**Remember: You are never alone as long as the Holy Spirit is here to tell others to intercede about your hurts and your needs.**

**Have an indescribably blessed Christmas week!**

***Sean***