

Volume 2 – Day 17: Intimacy Invigorates the Mundane

My surrender to God is a purposeful, continual activity and attitude of the soul. For many years, as a Christian, I would seek God's will. I would ask for His guidance. I would want to get answers quickly. When they didn't come, I assumed that He either wasn't listening or He was saying, "No." I later discovered, that many times, He hadn't said, "No," when I thought He had. Rather, He was saying, "Yes, but in the **right time**." And, to be sure, most of the time, my time was not the same as God's time. His was always perfect!

My impatience was probably one of the biggest hindrances to a life of surrender. Once I began to practice the presence of God and think of Him being interested in each and every situation, I became more aware of His feelings and thoughts. I tried to think of Him on a moment by moment basis. It was no longer just a daily, weekly, or at certain quiet times, morning and evening pursuit. I began to practice pausing in each decision moment, several each day, to consider God's possible purpose in them.

I stopped making emotionally charged or purely logical choices. I began to decipher that absolute surrender of each decision was the key to personal peace. I also noticed that God wants to be included even in my most mundane activities. Anger, anxiety and fear subsided as even mundane things became meaningful. In this way the commonplace became uniquely interesting and invigorating. The simple truth is that intimacy in relationship makes every moment with the one I love pleasurable.

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan