

8. Read Proverbs 2:10; Psalm 81:13-16; Psalm 119:9-10. What would be some benefits you would like to see out of a consistent time with God in a prayer closet routine? What is keeping you from this “prayer closet”?

9. Read II Timothy 1:6&7. What areas in your life do you need more Power? Love? Self-discipline?

10. Read I Corinthians 9:26&27. How does Paul’s routine inspire you in yours? What are some changes you are going to make this week?

THRIVE “Fired Up” Series
“No Short Cuts To The Top”
II Timothy 1:6-7

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No Short Cuts To The Top

- I. Coach Paul’s halftime pep talk: (II Timothy 1:6-7)
 1. Let’s get “Fired Up” and use the **Gifts** God has given us!
 2. “**Timid**” is not in our vocabulary!
 3. Let’s start tapping into **God’s Power** and share the Love. (Acts 1:8)
 4. Our victory depends on **Self Discipline** from the Holy Spirit. (I Peter 1:13-16; Romans 12:2)

- II. Consequences of Spiritual Short Cuts: (Luke 15:11-17)
 1. Lack of **Eternal** perspective. (Luke 17:32; Col. 3:1-2)
 2. Stressed **Friendship** with Christ. (John 21:3; John 15:15-16a)
 3. No **Fear** of God. (II Chronicles 26:4, 16-21b)
 4. Little or no resolve for **Crisis** moments in your life. (Ephesians 4:14)

- III. Commit to Self Discipline: (Mark 5:15; I Corinthians 9:24-27)
 1. Everyday Prayer **Closet** routine. (John 15:5)
 2. **Accountability** with friend. (Proverbs 27:17)
 3. Connected with a **Community** Group. (Acts 2:44-47)
 4. **Celebration** with the body. (Isaiah 40:31)

Key Thought – If you desire victory in your life you have to train for it!

Join us this week as we pray for
the country of Bangladesh.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of August 30, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What has been the most exciting time for you this summer and why?

2. On a scale from 1-10 how “fired up” do you feel your Spiritual walk with Jesus Christ is? What do you attribute that to?

3. What are a couple of things that you do routinely every day and what happens if you don't do those things? (ie...brush teeth, gym, grocery store, eat, check emails, pick up kids at school, work)

4. The message this week was about spiritual short cuts...where do you feel that you might short-cut God in your life? How do your short cuts affect those around you? Are there any other consequences? (Israel's consequences for short cuts...Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 81:8-13)

5. Does the idea of God as your friend come easy for you? Why or why not? How does John 15:13-16 communicate God's feelings for you?

6. Read John 15:5; Galatians 5:22&23. What fruit would you say that you see the most in your life? Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit...do you see evidence of it in your life? Why or why not? What does the word “remain” mean to you?

7. What makes it easier for you to have a daily quiet time with God...the idea that God is your friend or the fact that the Holy Spirit promises to give you the power to do it?