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Instead of saying something new here at swHw, we want to remind you what Jesus has already said.

We want the things we are teaching to sound like a whisper from the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:11

the swHw secret sauce is NOT:

- a shortcut
- actually a secret
- the foundation

God and what He has done is the foundation for our faith.

The swHw secret sauce is the flavor.

Here is the secret sauce:

IMPORTANT > urgent

DISCIPLINE > legalism

BUSY ON MISSION > busybody

OTHERS > me

Solitude AND community > solitude OR community

IMPORTANT > urgent

This is the age of distraction. At any given moment, something that we have never talked about before is all of a sudden urgent, breaking news.

Urgent = temporary; important = permanent

Urgent = change; important = consistent

Urgent = immediate; important = ultimate

1. When are you most likely to be distracted?
2. What distracts you? What does it distract you from?

“The things I get distracted by are never as important as the things I am distracted from.” – Andy Stanley

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Your phone wants you to believe that a notification from social media is important.

But what's important is that you look your child in the eyes when you're talking to them.

What's important deserves our undivided attention.

What's important = God assigned it

My for sure, for sure callings deserve my undivided attention.

When we pursue urgent things over important things, then we are going against God's given assignments.

If you're constantly putting what's urgent over what's important, it's a priority problem.

You can't solve priority problems with time-management tools.

Satan wants nothing more than to keep us distracted.

If we want to live out the swHw mission, then we have to live out the difference between urgent and important.

DISCIPLINE > legalism

Legalism does, believing it earns God's love and approval.

Discipline does as a response to God's love and approval.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Stop asking the minimum question of sin avoidance. Ask the question that helps pursue maximum righteousness - "Does this help me run?" (John Piper)

How I live here might be the difference in someone else's salvation.

Pursue intentionality.

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Spiritual disciplines: (Am I avoiding sin in this area or do I have habits that set me up to run?)

Study God's Word

Prayer

Worship

Community

Rest

Service

Generosity

Purity

Evangelism

Discipleship

There are probably areas where we could pick up the pace.

Pursuing discipline is not legalism when it is done out of a heart that is responding to the love and approval of our Heavenly Father.

Our actions are not going to change how God feels about us. But our actions might change how someone else feels about God.

BUSY ON MISSION > busybody

1 Thessalonians 4:11

2 Thessalonians 3:11

Busybody: someone into everyone else's business

We can be so consumed watching other peoples' lives that we forget to live our life.

"Don't be so busy watching others do what God has asked others to do that you miss doing what He has asked you to do." – James Myers

People Pleaser/Approval Addict

Comparison is greed.

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You are so busy internally just talking about what's wrong with others that you stop seeing what God needs to change in you.

Busy on mission = on mission to give your best in what God has asked you to do

If people pleasing is taking over your heart, ministry (Kingdom work) is not actually being done.

The "busy on mission" crowd:

- does without being asked.
- With extra time, they'll notice who needs help around them and jump right in.
- They expect personal sacrifice. They're grateful for what they have + trust God for growth.
- They see a problem, and their instinct is to help.

Busybodies:

- will do when asked.
- With extra time, they'll notice what others don't do or do wrong.
- They expect personal comfort.
- They "white knuckle" what they have, but are never satisfied by it.
- They see a problem, and their instinct is to complain.

When you are not busy on mission, your flesh will default to find sin. Do not allow yourself to define laziness by how much money you do or don't make.

Laziness = how much Kingdom work are you actually doing or how much sin are you trying to hide?

If you are not busy at work, you will likely find sin.

Get busy at work!

OTHERS > me

success is obedience.

We need Kingdom ambition.

Channel your ambition for the Kingdom.

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It's not about how much you know about God, but how much your knowledge leads you to live like Him.

Solitude AND community > solitude OR community

God created us for both solitude and community, and having one without the other hurts you and the Kingdom.

Solitude without community:

- risk becoming a Pharisee
- knowledge of God without actually knowing God, you rob the Kingdom of the gifts God gave you to use for His glory
- usually means you end up using your gifts in a way that glorifies yourself more than God.

Solitude without community is isolation – which is Satan's playground.

The more isolated you life, the more opportunity you give the enemy.

Community without solitude:

- you end up on relying on other humans + your feelings for spiritual connection
- settling for a human instead of your Creator - a human who will at best, never serve as a satisfying substitute or more likely -- let you down
- your lack of communication with God will limit your capacity to sharpen others in a God-given way.

Without the power of God moving in your life,

- you'll rely your skill vs the Spirit. And your skill, no matter how good, is no match for the Holy Spirit inside someone else.

Community without solitude is chatter.

SOLITUDE

Solitude is a skill. "Uncomfortable silence" is a known thing for a reason.

When you're alone with God, it's much easier to hear His still, small voice.

"Every act of self-control of the Christian is also a service to the fellowship." – Bonhoeffer

John 13:35

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I Without our love for one another, the world cannot know we belong to God.

Solitude + Community = I'm alone with God for Him to fill me up so I can pour out on others.

God doesn't fill you up to puff you up. He fills you up so you can give Him away.