

Three Key Elements of the Naturally Supernatural Life

Series: Following Jesus: Naturally Supernatural

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Philippians 3:17 NIV ¹⁷Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

I. How we hear from God

a. Decisions every person will ultimately make

Exodus 33:11 ¹¹The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

b. Dialing down to better hear God

James 1:19 NLT ¹⁹Dear brothers & sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, & slow to get angry.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-3 TM Watch your step when you enter God's house. Enter to learn. That's far better than mindlessly offering a sacrifice, Doing more harm than good. Don't shoot off your mouth, or speak before you think. Don't be too quick to tell God what you think he wants to hear. God's in charge, not you—the less you speak, the better. Over-work makes for restless sleep. Over-talk shows you up as a fool.

II. How we pray

a. Christian culture has often embraced two prayer extremes

Mark 11:22-24 NIV ²²"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. ²³"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

b. Faith in prayer

III. How we live and engage practical life

a. The interaction between natural and supernatural

James 1:17 NIV ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

b. Never forget we are about building bridges

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NIV ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 NLT ¹¹This should be your ambition: to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we commanded you before. ¹²As a result, people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others to meet your financial needs.

Romans 12:1-2 TM So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.