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BROTHER THORP

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FRAN I don't think so:

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(Just for clarification – they both were just a little off in their quotations;-))

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Prov. 27:6a "Faithful are the wounds of a friend..."

Prov. 17:17a "A friend loveth at all times..."

Prov. 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

"The Ingredients of the Winner"

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- I. THE DISCOVERY "...thy hand findeth..."
- We must discover what God's will is for our lives.
- We find God's will while we are faithfully worshipping and serving Him.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

II. THE DESIRE "...do it..."

- Once we find the will of God, then we need to JUST DO IT!
- We should desire the Lord and to be in His house.

Psa. 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

<u>Psa. 27:4</u> One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

 The simple truth is that everyone does exactly what they "WANT" to do.

Prov. 18:1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

III. THE DETERMINATION "...with thy might..."

 We must be determined to work hard at doing God's will = DISCIPLINE.

- Phil. 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- 1 Cor. 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
- IV. THE DEDICATION "...there is no...in the grave..."
- Our time is limited. We must dedicate ourselves to follow the example of Christ.
- <u>Jn. 8:29</u> And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

2 Tim. 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Heb. 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Conclusion

Jn. 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Jn. 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

