

Living the Cross Centered Life

Study Guide: Chapter 2 – The Divine Order



Passage for Meditation: Matthew 7:24-27

1. What spiritual warmup does the author suggest that we need before we can go any deeper in our study of the Cross? (32)
2. What is our common tendency when we determine what we'll accept as being objective fact? (32-33)
3. What two things condition us to live by feelings? (33)
4. Why can our feelings not be trusted? (33) Read Romans 8:5-8. If flesh = feelings, what is the end of living by our feelings.
5. What is true of us when we invest our feelings with final authority? (34)
6. According to James 4:6, How does God respond to us when we choose to place our own feelings about the authority of the Scriptures? (34-35)
7. How did Martin Loyd Jones describe the "order that God himself has ordained." (35)

8. What is the “starting place”? And what is the “inevitable effect”?

9. Complete the quotation: (37) “Most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that _____
instead of _____

10. How did the author describe his failure to trust God and listen to his feelings on pages 38-40. Describe one instance from your own life where you failed to believe and followed your feelings.

11. Where should the focus of our attentions be as evangelical Christians? (40). How does Matthew 22:37-38 command this?

12. Should we ignore or expel emotion from our Christianity?

13. On what should our emotional state ultimately rest? (41-42)