

Men's Bible Study: Alignment Through Refinement

Some ways we align with God

- ❖ Stop leaning on yourself - Pro. 3:5-8
- ❖ Identify and eliminate distractions – Heb. 12:1
- ❖ Admit and submit – Psa. 32:1-5; Psa. 40:8
- ❖ Accept His Plan – Mat. 6:10
- ❖ Be open – Psa. 143:10
- ❖ Let the Word of God be your plumb line – Amos 7:7-8

SPIRITUAL KEYS TO ALIGNING

Consecration

- ❖ David's problem in 2 Sam. 6 was a lack of consecration of himself and those handling God's Presence
 - Consecration requires education – Num. 4:15; Num. 7:9; Deut. 10:8; 1 Chr. 15:1-15
 - Consecration requires focus – Num. 7:1-9 (MSG)
 - Vs. 7: sons of Gershon – transport fabrics (Num. 4: 25-26)
 - Vs. 8: sons of Merari – transport boards and pillars of the tabernacle (Num. 4:31-32)
 - Vs. 9: but the sons of Kohath (Num. 4:4)
 - Consecration requires surrender and devotion – Rom. 12:1; Rom. 6:13

Prayer

- ❖ Prayer is a method of committing the work to God – Psa. 16:3
- ❖ Prayer should replace anxiety – Phil. 4:6-7
- ❖ Prayer should be personal instead of merely public – Mat. 6:6-8
- ❖ Prayer should lead us past our differences – Mat. 18:19-20

Fasting

- ❖ Leads us to seek God – Exo. 34:28
- ❖ Between you and God – Mat. 6:16-18
- ❖ Will help us get clarity – Acts 13:2
- ❖ Combined with prayer, brings power of God to move the demonic – Mark 9:29

The Refining

- ❖ Is not a program but a process – 2 Pet. 1:5-8
- ❖ The process is often painful but ultimately instructive – Psa. 119:71; 1 Pet. 5:10
- ❖ God cares too much about your potential to leave you in your dross – Pro. 25:4-5 (KJV, MSG)
- ❖ Psalm 66:10-12