

The Wigglesworth Standard

pg. 39 - He would awaken at 4:00am to have communion and fellowship with the Lord.

pg. 80 - He never read any book but the Bible. The Bible was his sole source of knowledge and learning.

pg. 114 - He never went half an hour without praying.

pg. 114 - He constantly prayed in the Holy Spirit.

pg. 115 - He would get caught up in worship, sometimes both dancing and singing in the Spirit.

pg. 115 - He read the Word at every meal, and read and meditated upon it whenever he had a spare moment.

pg. 115 - Through the practice of daily doing all these things over a period of time, he learned to walk in virtually unbroken fellowship with God.

pg. 119 - He never had any formal education. He was taught solely by Holy Ghost revelation.

pg. 122 - "The filthy acts of the self-life have to be dealt with, and men cannot always stand the purging."

pg. 132 - The Word was continually in his hand, even in times of relaxation.

pg. 132 - He never considered himself fully dressed without a copy of the Word of God in his pocket.

pg. 133 - So vital did he consider the reading of the Word that he insisted on reading a chapter at every meal. He considered the need for spiritual nourishment more important than the physical need for food. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God." (Luke 4:4)

pg. 134 - If he was with others at mealtime, he insisted on reading aloud a scripture passage. Then he would discuss it with them for a few minutes during the meal.

pg. 134 - He considered the Word of God to be the most precious thing in all the world.

pg. 135 - He knew that he could only know and understand God by the Word - not by feelings or experiences - so he sought God continually in His Word.

pg. 135 - He had learned the secret of drawing away from everything to go and be with God. To be shut in with God and His Word was his continual habit. Thus, he did not just acquire knowledge, but came to know the Living Word. He had a “consuming love for the Word of God ... an overwhelming confidence in the God of the Word.”

pg. 136 - He often declared as he preached:

The Bible is the Word of God
supernatural in origin,
eternal in duration,
inexpressible in valor,
infinite in scope,
regenerative in power,
infallible in authority,
universal in interest,
personal in application,
inspired in totality.

Read it through, write it down, pray it in, work it out, and then pass it on. Truly the Word of God changes a man until he becomes an “epistle of God.” It transforms his mind, changes his character, moves him on from grace to grace, and makes him an inheritor of the very nature of God. God comes in, dwells in, walks in, talks through, and sups with him who opens his being to the Word of God.

pg. 138 - Hunger is the driving force of the walk of power. But the Word is its solid foundation, the rock on which the house is built. Jesus is the Word.

pg. 160 - Brokenness occurs by setting a specific time each day of total surrender, of seeking God to take over your thoughts, plans, dreams, visions, feelings - in short, everything.

pg. 162 - The Fellowship Of His Sufferings. Smith did not understand this to mean the sufferings Christ endured via persecution and rejection. No, he understood the sufferings of Christ to be that which moved Him to deep compassion when He saw the sick and the lost.

“Remember, except that fellowship touch us, we shall never have much power. May God give us this morning such fellowship of His sufferings that when we see the person afflicted with cancer, we will pray right through until the roots are struck dead. When we see the crooked and helpless woman or man, so infirm, God give us a compassion, God give us a fellowship with them that shall undo their heavy burdens and set them free. How often we have missed the victory because we don’t have the Lord’s compassion at the needed moment. We failed to go through with a broken heart.”

pg. 164 - Conformed To His Death “The Lord wants us to understand that we must come to a place where our natural life ceases, and by the power of God, we rise into a life where God rules, where God reigns. Do you long to know Him? Do you long to be ‘found in Him?’”

“If any man comes to Me and does not hate ... his own life, he cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26)

pg. 163 - A literal loathing of our fleshly lives - our thoughts, our plans, our dreams, our works and all our ways. We must know that all of self leads to death. If we do not loathe it, we will not lose it!

pg. 172 - How Faith Grows. Smith repeatedly told how faith grows by quoting Mark 4:28, “First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.” His constant answer to the question about obtaining faith was:

“Great faith is the product of great fights. Great testimonies are the outcome of great tests. Great triumphs come only out of great trials. Every stumbling block must become a stepping stone, and every opposition must become an opportunity.”

pg. 175 - Smith was totally consumed with pleasing Jesus and becoming like Him. “Filled with God, filled with God, emptied of self, and filled with God.” This was the longing of his heart. But this filling does not come easily, and the one who reaches out for it comes to know trials and hardships as companions. Smith stretched for it with a tenacity that would not allow any trial, hardship, or any other thing stop his pursuit. After the death of his wife at age 51, Smith said that to continue on without her was his “greatest and costliest test of obedience.”

Almost two years after Polly’s death, George, their youngest son, died. Smith said while preaching, “It seems to me as if I had a thousand road engines come over my life to break me up like a potter’s vessel. There is no other way into the deep things of God but a broken spirit.”

He was a broken man, yet he would say, “The best thing you can ever have is a great trial. It is your coming into inheritance. Voice your position in God, and you will be surrounded by all the resources of God in the time of trial.”

pg. 193 - Great heart love for Jesus is inseparably linked with true Faith.

“Let me tell you what perfect love is: ‘He who overcomes the world ... believes that Jesus is the Son of God.’ Perfect love means that Jesus has got a grip on your intentions, desire, and thoughts, and purified everything. Perfect love cannot fear.”

pg. 219 - “I know that the dry grounds can have floods, and may God save me from ever wanting anything less than a flood.” He yearned for a constant flood. He knew that if his desire ever lessened, he was backsliding.

pg. 220 - He often visited Niagara Falls. With tears streaming as he watched, he would cry out “Like that, Lord, like that, in me.”

pg. 222 - "You may have the Word, but you need an awakened spirit. The Word is not alive until it is moved upon by the Spirit of God."

pg. 223 - We must live by our born again spirit, an awakened spirit ruled by the Holy Spirit, and not by our mind and emotions. But how do we do this?

As spiritual hunger grows, causing us to earnestly seek God in the Word and in prayer, our spirits break the shackles of the flesh and of the soul (the mind and emotions). We begin to live with an awakened spirit that lays hold on all the "exceeding great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4) of God. That, in turn, brings us into the realization of the power and authority that we actually have in Him. We begin to live on high!

pg. 226 - "If I ever have joy it is when I have a lot of people who will not be satisfied until they get all they have come for."