

# The Cure for the Summertime Blues

## *Earn a Spiritual PhD*

Isaiah 45:5-8; I Corinthians 15:58

In the collegiate world the professors will tell you that they have an earned PhD, or an earned doctorate. The reason that they use this figure of speech is that many universities are exercising the practice of bestowing doctorates on people who have done something great but have not taken the educational requirements to earn their doctors degree. Therefore, the term 'earned PhD' was coined. In the spiritual realm anyone who is in Christ is a member of God's kingdom and the family of God but without a doubt there are some people who seem to flourish in life above others.

What is the difference maker and how can we earn a spiritual PhD?

How to earn a spiritual PhD and hit what you are aiming at . . .

### I. P \_\_\_\_\_ = develop a passion for God's Spirit.

Passionate people are:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

1. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ what it takes.

Passionate people have:

B. \_\_\_\_\_

1. This is my \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Emotions will not \_\_\_\_\_ my goal.

Passionate people are:

C. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Acting out of a heart belief that came from Godly \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. H \_\_\_\_\_

A. Training ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ into the work of the Lord. (I Corinthians 15:58)

1. Nothing that is great comes \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Nothing that is productive comes by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Hard work is . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_ challenging 2. \_\_\_\_\_ challenging

3. \_\_\_\_\_ challenging

C. When you rise up to the challenge of Godly creativity, the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ you strength.

### III. D \_\_\_\_\_

A. You know you are devoted when you cannot keep the person, place, or thing out of your \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Wanting to \_\_\_\_\_ with someone.

2. Wanting to \_\_\_\_\_ with someone.

3. Wanting to \_\_\_\_\_ with someone.

B. Devoted people are set apart for a . . .

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Conclusion

You will earn your PhD . . .

1. When you are passionate, hard working; and devoted to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. PhD's have the promise of Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Earned PhD's have a \_\_\_\_\_ that determines worldly

\_\_\_\_\_.

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