

“The world can no longer be left to mere diplomats, politicians, and business leaders. They have done the best they could, no doubt.

But this is an age for spiritual heroes

—a time for men and women to be heroic in faith and in spiritual character and power. The greatest danger to the Christian church today is that of pitching its message *too low*.

Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*

Spiritual Formation

is often

Intentional

John 15:4

Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Galatians 5:16

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as
dearly loved children 2 and live a life of
love, just as Christ loved us and gave
himself up for us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.

Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already obtained all this,
or have already been made perfect, but
I press on to take hold of that for which
Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Colossians 3:1

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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This is a football

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Relax

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Our Father

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Get baptized

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**Dance with the one
what brung ya**

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**Wake up in the
Lord**

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Learn as you go

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Repair

what's broken

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Be inspired

A blessing for one who holds power

**May the gift of leadership
awaken in you as a vocation.**

**Keep you mindful of the providence
that calls you to serve.**

**As high over the mountains
the eagle spreads its wings,**

**May your perspective be larger
than the view from the foothills.**

A blessing for one who holds power

**When the way is flat and dull
in times of gray endurance**

**May your imagination
continue to evoke horizons.**

**When thirst burns
in times of drought,**

May you be blessed to find the wells.

**May you have the wisdom to read time
clearly and know when the seed
of change will flourish.**

A blessing for one who holds power

In your heart

**may there be a sanctuary for
the stillness where clarity is born.**

**May your work be infused
with passion and creativity
and have the wisdom to balance
compassion and challenge.**

**May your soul find the graciousness
to rise above the fester
of small mediocrities**

A blessing for one who holds power

**May your power never become a shell
wherein your heart
would silently atrophy.**

**May you welcome your own vulnerability
as the ground where
healing and truth join.**

**May integrity of soul
be your first ideal
the source that will guide and bless
your work.**

--John O'Donohue

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**What does the
Holy Spirit say?**