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## **Practice Makes Perfect**

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On average it takes \_\_\_\_\_\_ days to develop a habit, though it might take up to 8 months.

A 2022 poll found that \_\_\_\_\_% of U.S. adults find time for Bible reading outside of a church setting at least 4 times a year.

## **PRACTICING PERFECTION**

The sermon on the mount more than a list of rules or moral ideals; it calls us to practice the P\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

The Christian's character is grounded on the Rock who is our G\_\_\_\_\_ (Deut 32:3-4, 15, 18). Christians believe God, our Rock, is C\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 10:1-4).

An inside-out religion means we aren't trying harder to fight our desires, we are asking God's Spirit to C\_\_\_\_\_ our desires (Gal 5:22-24)

Most "practice" will not be doing more, but W\_\_\_\_\_ less.

Practicing the presence of God creates an E\_\_\_\_\_ that can withstand any storm.

Shelters do not C\_\_\_\_\_ the weather or stop the weather. They S\_\_\_\_\_ you from the weather.

Christians pray that whatever comes from the hand of God "let it be" when we say A

Christians are no longer R\_\_\_\_\_, but pro-active (or pro-receptive).

## **GUIDED PRACTICE HELPS**

-YouVersion's "Guided Prayer" -The Bible Project's Reading Plan -IPrayDaily.com (John Baillie)

-Every Moment Holy app

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