

To the Degree...

1. To the degree we ask, we receive.
2. To the degree we listen to our own thoughts, we miss another's voice.
3. To the degree the positive occupies us; no negative spirit can occupy us.
4. To the degree we are done with petty things and small dreams, we will enter into that which is great for us.
5. To the degree we are empty of us, we will hear another.
6. To the degree the heart gives up offenses, genuine comfort will be experienced.
7. To the degree we tolerate any idea of discouragement, any negative current flowing within our bodies, we douse every accomplishment of good.
8. To the degree we learn not to DO, we learn to BE.
9. To the degree we pray for one another, we are being perfected.
10. To the degree we form the habit of exercising change in the easy way; we find it natural to make necessary change in the difficult situation.
11. To the degree we presume on posterity and peace, we fall into a snare.
12. To the degree we are prepared that we are of a different mind and attitude than those around us, we will be able to accept the differences and ignore the misunderstandings.
13. To the degree we live each day as though it were our last, we can seize each opportunity knowing it may be our last.
14. To the degree Tomorrow is uncertain, live each day as though it were the last.
15. To the degree there is dis-ease in our thoughts, there is disease in our bodies.
16. To the degree our mind is at rest, our body builds in health.
17. To the degree there is anger in our hearts, there is a poison in our systems that no antibiotic can counteract.
18. To the degree our temper is unchecked, enormous strength is wasted.
19. To the degree we risk giving our thoughts free rein; a right path will not be taken.
20. To the degree we invite into our minds the foul birds of evil thoughts; they will nest there and bring forth their young.

21. To the degree we sow in kind, we reap in kind.
22. To the degree we entertain self-will, we court disqualification.
23. To the degree we allow the emotions of the old nature to invade our fellowships, we remain spoiled children.
24. To the degree we keep our eyes on the end of the course, victory is secured already.
25. To the degree joy is gone, victory is lost, faith is weakened and spontaneity is destroyed.
26. To the degree we listen and anticipate, we hear and know.
27. To the degree we waver, we receive not.
28. To the degree there are only favorable winds to blow across our path, we grow soft and dull.
29. To the degree we learn to head into the wind with sheer delight, we make the discovery.
30. To the degree there is the cold soil of human tragedy, miracles burst forth through the moisture of tears and hopelessness.
31. To the degree we realize we do not have to be other than we were created -- human, we know we are only obligated to do that which we were created for.
32. To the degree there is sorrow and isolation in the present, raptures that cheer the heart lie in the future.
33. To the degree we glory in the midst of suffering and affliction, we are counter-balanced by an exceedingly greater joy.
34. To the degree we praise, we bring health to our own spirit and we cut down the enemy of discouragement.
35. To the degree there are multitudes of testing, we shall learn courage. Think not on the price you pay, but at any cost, gain strength of character and fortitude to endure.
36. To the degree we anticipate resting in a comfortable place, we shall become faint-hearted and a victim of unwanted fear.
37. To the degree we are content with great accomplishments; we miss out on heavenly enablements.
38. To the degree we stay in solitude, we sift the chaff to get to the golden grains of truth.
39. To the degree we listen to the world, we remain confused. Silence speaks more in a day than a world of voice teaches us in a lifetime.
40. To the degree we walk no more on autopilot; we begin living a throne life.
41. To the degree we are never satisfied with half-measures and never deterred by the progress already achieved, we will learn the invaluable truth that this is only a beginning.

42. To the degree we ask the right questions, we are less apt to be the transmitter of quick untested learning.
43. To the degree we give, the more we are given.
44. To the degree we are snared by flattery or well-intended praise and take on ourselves any glory, we dry up the streams of inspiration before the proud.
45. To the degree we set our hearts at peace and rest, we will learn to not be anxious or force opportunities.
46. To the degree we try to please others by answering every demand, we both fall into a snare.
47. To the degree we cease learning, we cease writing -- our lives are living epistles.
48. To the degree we forfeit our past experience as our life's book, we will write fresh revelation and personal knowledge gained from our own painful growth.
49. To the degree we seek solitude and listen to the silence, it will teach us the priceless things. There is little to be found elsewhere.
50. To the degree the heart is melted in devotion, it is pliable for new learning.
51. To the degree the mind is open, divine revelation is received. Labor not to be wise, but to be yielded.
52. To the degree we hold back, our love is too small.
53. To the degree we turn a deaf ear to be humble, we are not helping ourselves.
54. To the degree we have a deep sense of being truly loved, we can truly be humble.
55. To the degree subtle pride hides our imperfections in an effort to build our self-esteem and draw respect from others, we are allowing the craftiness of the enemy to deceive us.
56. To the degree we serve with an overflowing heart, our service will not be futile nor burdensome.
57. To the degree a seed is impregnated with life from its parent seed, it can produce fruit in like kind.
58. To the degree many are called, few are chosen.
59. To the degree we move out into the unknown and gross darkness, we shall not be left to falter as the blind searches out his way. There is no enemy to fear but fear itself.
60. To the degree we are freely loved, we can freely forgive. Don't be slow, but extend your hand to help them across the unforgiveness.
61. To the degree we remain in unforgiveness, we hang a black veil of self-condemnation between our guilty hearts.

62. To the degree there is judgment, greater is the deliverance. The greater the darkness - the greater the glory. The greater the lie - the greater the truth.
63. To the degree we are satisfied with the progress already achieved, we lose the awareness that this is only the beginning. Be never satisfied with half-measures.
64. To the degree we give incorrect information, we confuse rather than clarify an issue.
65. To the degree we become a transmitter of quick learning, we pose innumerable disadvantages to ourselves and the person seeking help.
66. To the degree we are sought after for wisdom which flatters our ego, we entertain a snare to our souls.
67. To the degree we cannot speak truth without apology; then we should speak nothing.
68. To the degree we learn to say no to the demands of men, we will learn to say yes to the call of the Spirit. They are both competing for our time.
69. To the degree we are spared of all pain, we are robbed of much treasure.
70. To the degree Service springs from an overflowing heart, it is neither futile nor burdensome.
71. To the degree we can freely forgive, we are also free to love unconditionally.
72. To the degree there is darkness, there is even greater treasure to be found.
73. To the degree we relax our vigil of purity, we stumble.
74. To the degree the heart is long in dormancy, the more voracious it will be when its time for growth comes.
75. To the degree we are on the road of faith and trust, we shall have sweet fellowship and others will join us in the walk.
76. To the degree the enemy is crafty; we need to know his position and strategy.
77. To the degree we are occupied with matters of the future, we lose awareness of the eternal destiny of the present moment.
78. To the degree we keep our minds open, we allow ourselves a chance to grow.
79. To the degree we hunger for learning, there is plenty at hand.
80. To the degree we cease learning, we will cease writing. One does not write what already has been written. One writes out of the storehouse of fresh revelation and his own personal knowledge gained through the painful experiences of growth. One does not learn as he writes, but writes as he learns.