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1) “My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look **UP**” (*Psalms 5:3*). I must form the habit of starting the day with God. This sets the tone for the rest of the day. When I start the day on the wrong foot, it is difficult to return to the path of consecration. Looking **UP** to God at the start of the day is a key that unlocks the door of dependent fellowship.

2) “Wherefore gird **UP** the loins of your mind” (*1 Pet. 1:13*). The Hebrews wore long loose robes which they tied up with a girdle or belt in order to toil or travel (*Exodus 12:11; 1 Kings 18:46*). I must be ready for the battle of the mind. To upgrade my walk I must upgrade my thinking. To have the mind of Christ I must have my mind thoroughly saturated with the Word of God, thinking God’s thoughts after Him.

3) “Stir **UP** the gift of God which is in thee” (*2 Tim. 1:6*). I have been gifted by God for the edifying of the body of Christ. “Stir UP” means to “keep ablaze, rekindle, fan into flames.” May I beware of carnal coldness. God wants me to be zealous and on fire for Christ (*Rev. 3:19*). May I be on guard against anything that would cool down or extinguish my testimony for Christ.

4) “Take **UP** your cross daily and follow Me” (*Luke 9:23*). To the man carrying his cross to the place of execution, the worldly things which once charmed him no longer have any attraction. May my allegiance be to Christ alone, and no longer to Satan and His world system.

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