

Contemplative Theology: *Power to Transform*

Bibliography

These books represent a small sample of contemplative writings of the church which have wielded important influence over the development of Christian doctrine and the church. Many of these authors have written several books which have been invaluable to my pursuit of intimacy with God and the development of my devotional contact and experience of God. For the sake of space, I have only included a small sample.

<i>A Testament of Devotion</i>	Thomas Kelly
<i>The Seeking Heart</i>	Francios de Fenelon
<i>Experiencing the Depths of Jesus Christ</i>	Jeanne Guyon
<i>The Divine Milieu</i>	Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
<i>Final Steps in Christian Maturity</i>	Jeanne Guyon
<i>Sacrament of the Present Moment</i>	Jean-Pierre De Caussade
<i>An Anthology of Devotional Literature</i>	Thomas S. Kepler

Five Truths for Everyday Living

1. LET THE UPS AND DOWNS OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE COME AND GO

John 16:33 *These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.*

2. LEARN TO LEAVE TOMORROW IN GOD'S HANDS

Matthew 6:33-34 *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

3. **LIVE IN THE PRESENT MOMENT**

James 4:13-14 *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." ¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.*

4. **TOMORROW'S GRACE IS NOT GIVEN TODAY**

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 *Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! ⁸ Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. ⁹ And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

5. **LEARN TO SERVE GOD NOW, EVEN IF YOU ARE IN CAPTIVITY**

Luke 6:27-28 *But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*