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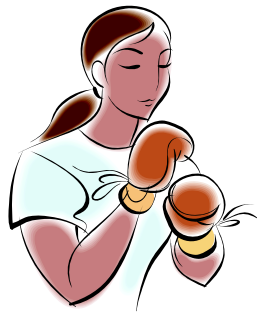


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I'M IN TRAINING...ARE YOU?

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It's a lifelong commitment to remain in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. It means one is willing to be in training to become like Him. The process of becoming 'like' Christ is painstaking and only God can see us to the finish line. However, we must have our mind set to remain in training mode. Have you ever taken a new position on a job and they have to train you how to do it? The time set aside for training depends on the intensity of the work one must learn. Some positions require longer training periods than others. There are tests given during training as well in some positions. One must study and prepare for the test to achieve a passing score to maintain the new position. Most people do not like the training period and more specifically detest the tests. However, those who are focused on the new position let that be their motivation for enduring the training period and passing the tests. Our eternal objective is to spend eternity in the presence of the Almighty God and to do so we must be willing to go through the training period called life and be tested in order to achieve the position of 'being like Jesus.'



When we feel life is hard and unfair it makes coping with it arduous. I suggest reminding ourselves that we are in training to be like Christ. Our sinful nature (the flesh) will never welcome being replaced by the divine nature of Christ. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 17:15, "As for me, I will see your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness." Our God is personally teaching us how to live on earth as His redeemed people while in this body of death. When we do awake in His likeness it's because He taught us and He has a proven format how to develop us into the true Royal and Righteous people He declared us to be even before the foundation of the world. We do not become this in

heaven; we are called royal and righteous now. Our training while living here on earth brings out the best of the nature of Christ that's in us now. It will attract others to Him and teach us more about His divine character. We will blunder and have successes. Nevertheless, when you sense that feeling of frustration just remind yourself, "I'm in training." Our goal is capsulated in our Love for Him; so our desire to see Him and be in His likeness must be a permanent driving force to stay in training until we reach Glory!

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