

“The Practice of the Presence of God” by Brother Lawrence

Reflection on the 3rd and 4th conversations and the 15 letters

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Brother Lawrence relied on his faith and trust in God to always lead him. He had an extremely basic concept of always being in communion with God by keeping the lines of communication open at all times. He kind of reminds me of Saint Therese our Patroness, in her little ways. His practice was to do everything with God and for God, and that our life should be one continuous prayer or conversation with God.

His letters basically say the same thing in different ways, that we should give up our life to God. When we do this, we are as close to God as we can get here on earth, and that our spiritual life is just as important, if not more important, than our bodily life. I found this to be something we all learned early in our Catholic life and was a glad reminder of what we should be doing every day.

As Dominicans we are going to surpass this in our mission to bring the Gospel to all and stamp out heresies in the Church. In order to do this, we must be well versed not only in the Bible but also in worldly events. Our continued formation and conversion in our faith will strengthen and grow our group to be more like our founder, Saint Dominic.