

Discipleship and facilitation in TD

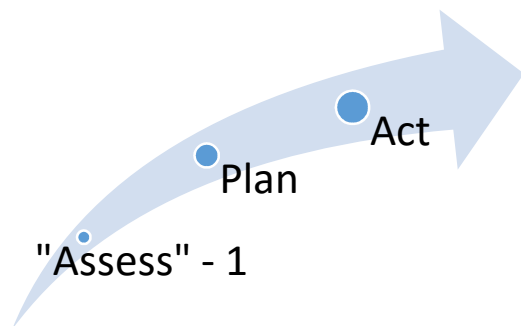
Reflection on the Epilogue, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, by Dallas Willard

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The primary goal in life is to present your body a living sacrifice that is pleasing to God. Another way to view the goal: constantly deepen union with the heart and mind of God. The world does not understand this, and for the most part it will put obstacles in your path to attainment. The world will insist that you keep busy with things that distract you from being in the kingdom.

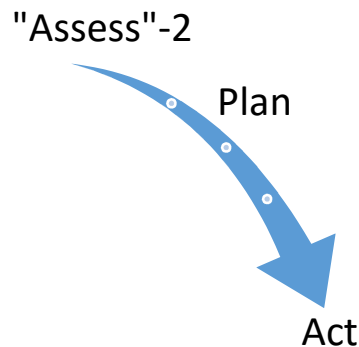
Constantly working to attain this primary goal prepares you for the day-to-day work of facilitating Transformational Development. Reflect on the following pair of figures.

Present Your Body a Living Sacrifice



[Here "assess-1" means to look with your heart to understand spirit realities. Plan means to list at different levels of time (hour, day, month, etc.) what you intend to do regarding spirit disciplines to deepen the uniting of your heart and mind with the heart and mind with God. Then you implement the plan by engaging joyfully in actions of spirit disciplines.]

Obey the Will of God as It is Revealed



[In the world you identify development needs from your understanding of spirit realities. You prayerfully plan development interventions collaboratively with partners. You act to facilitate implementation of the development plan, all the while presenting your body a living sacrifice to worship and please God, overcoming obstacles by yielding to wisdom of the Spirit. This allows development to be a means for redemptive transformation.]