



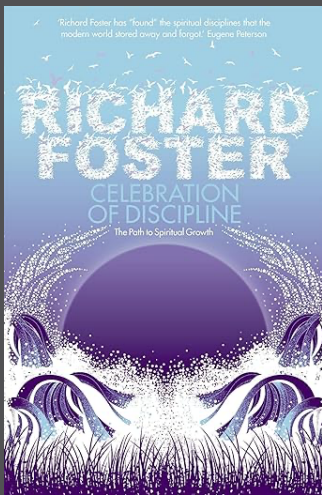
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*No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful!
But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those
who are trained in this way.*

Hebrews 12:11

BOOK OF THE MONTH



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Hebrews 12:1-29

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2024

*A New Year and a fresh start...are you ready to keep your word and accomplish goals that you've set for yourself? It is important that you set goals, make plans, and look forward to achieving positive outcomes. And it is just as important that once you have established your goals you give them to the Lord and ask Him to align them - or forgo them - according to His will for your life. *You may wonder why in the world you would do that.* The reason is simple. No matter how great you may think that your plans are - *God's plans for you are always - ALWAYS - better for you than you can imagine!**

Are you ready to be your best self in this New Year? You may have thought you were that last year or the year before. You may even think that you have already reached the capacity of being your best self. No one has completely arrived at his/her best self. The journey is a daily and lifelong travel that requires spiritual discipline. Yes, it is spiritual discipline that will help you to sense when God is leading you to go about your plans a different way in order to arrive at the better He has in mind for you. What exactly does it take to discipline your spirit and to be alignment with God? I'm glad you asked...

Surrender your spirit to the discipline teachings of God. *Get yourself a good Bible, and let it be your leading read every day.* Study and memorize scripture passages that speak to your heart. Attend worship services, and be a good steward of your talents and resources. Share your life in fellowship with other people. Talk about Jesus! Exercise silence and solitude regularly to be completely in God's Presence. Live a simpler life. Be grateful for what you have and for what God allows you to do for yourself and for others. Lastly, celebrate the Goodness of God with joy and laughter, praise and worship, and most importantly - love for one another. When you choose to live with spiritual discipline - God will train you to become your best self in 2024 and in the years still yet to come. *Happy New Year... Happy New You!*

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