



Seven Rules for Daily Living

by Jonathan Goforth

Jonathan Goforth (1859-1936) was a Canadian missionary to China. It is said of him that «when he found his own soul needed Jesus Christ, it became a passion with him to take Jesus Christ to every soul.

The following rules for daily living were made by Dr. Goforth in 1894 and written on the fly-leaf of his Bible:

Seek to give much — expect nothing.

Put the very best construction on the actions of others.

Never let a day pass without at least a quarter of an hour spent in the study of the Bible.

Never omit daily morning and evening private prayer and devotion.

In all things seek to know God's Will and when known obey at any cost.

Seek to cultivate a quiet prayerful spirit.

Seek each day to do or say something to further Christianity among the heathen.

That Dr. Goforth lived up to these rules there is not the least doubt. He surpassed them. His love for the Bible is well known. His Bible was always open and he took every opportunity to read it. Even after becoming blind, he had a Chinese read to him at least twelve chapters a day. His loyalty to the Bible as the Word of God and his defense of the fundamentals of the Faith have been outstanding in his career.