

Daily Devotion For May 14, 2022

“For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5.

Today, my brother-in-law Dave, and Marty and Jen Hikido who attend El Estero when they are in town are playing in the JEMS NorCal Golf Tournament. Dave is a beginner and I play just a few times a year.

Arguably, one of the greatest golfers of all time is Jack Nicklaus. Every year for decades, Nicklaus would begin his golf season by starting over. But why? Obviously Nicklaus didn't forget how to play golf during the winter months. He was a stickler for fundamentals. He broke his game down to the most minute parts—sort of like disassembling a clock with all its pieces—and reconstructed it because he knew sound fundamentals would withstand the most intense pressure in the most difficult of circumstances. No club swings itself, and without a proper grip, there is little chance one's game will improve beyond the level of erratic.

There is a parallel for life. We are, in a sense, like the golf club. We can't do anything on your own. However, if you let God take hold of your life and provide the direction and power to fulfill His purpose. He can help you find life's fairway and show you how to progress on the course of life. In fact, in the first part of John 15:5, He says as much: “Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.” Basically, those in His grip live lives of purpose.

**Thought For Today:** If Jack Nicklaus thought the grip was the most fundamental element in the golf swing, it makes sense that being in God's grip is the most fundamental element to living life the way He intended. How is His grip on your life?

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Ask God to strengthen His grip on your life and lead you down the path that will honor and glorify Him. Deo Volente.