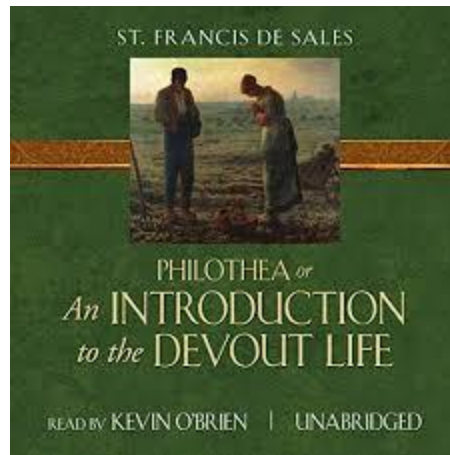


STUDY GUIDE



WEEK TEN



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RESPOND:

1. WORLDLY CARES CAN DISTRACT US FROM DEVOTION TO GOD. PRAY AND CONSULT YOUR CONFESSOR. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE CRUCIFIED.
2. CONSOLATIONS ARE SOMETIMES GIVEN IN PRAYER.
 - A. TRUE, SOLID DEVOTION REMAINS HUMBLE AND PREPARED TO DO GOD'S WILL IN ALL THINGS.
 - B. SPIRITUAL SWEETNESS CONSOLES US, BUT KEEP YOUR HEART ON THE CONSOLER, THE ONE BESTOWING THE GIFT.
3. DRYNESS IN PRAYER, OR THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL
 - A. WHEN GOD WITHDRAWS HIS CONSOLATIONS, CLING FIRMLY TO HIM.
 - B. IN HUMILITY, PRAISE THE GIVER OF ALL GIFTS.
 - C. IN THE DARKNESS, SEEK HIS LIGHT. UNITE YOUR CROSS TO HIS.

REMEMBER:

Place yourself in the Presence of God.

Ask Him to inspire your heart.

Consider the meditation for the day.

Make your affections and resolutions ("the choice") for the day.

Conclude by:

Thanking God

Make an offering to God

Prayer for the day

Linger awhile to gather your spiritual bouquet

Revisit your spiritual bouquet throughout the day