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WANTING IT BAD

Did you hear a young jazz guitarist by the name of Stanley Jordan on the radio recently, or see him on the television? If you have come across him you will know that it is no exaggeration to say that his playing is unbelievable. He has, quite simply, turned upside down the whole idea of what it's possible to play on guitar, by perfecting a technique of playing notes not only with his left hand, but his right as well. Using this he can play chords, bass runs and melody lines at the same time, doing the work of three instruments at once.



His ability didn't come easily. It has taken ten years to develop his technique, starting in his early teens and sacrificing during that time what could have been a lucrative career as a conventional player: a year or so ago he was busking for coppers in New York. In fact, when he started, he wasn't even sure if what he was aiming at was possible, but, he says, "I wanted it so bad, I just spent a lot of time working at it".

A lot of time, yes — ten solid years — just to play guitar better. And how much time have you spent in trying to know Jesus better? A quest we know is possible by the promise of God himself. A quest not merely for the sake of art, but for an eternal crown of joy. A quest to which the Lord calls every believer. And yet for many, having made a decision for Christ, they are content to rest on that, knowing hardly anything of the unfathomable riches in Christ for themselves. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled". Do you want Jesus so badly that you're prepared to spend your life praying for him, searching for him, yearning for him? That's what it takes.

But what a prize!***

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