Turn Around God (Part 1) Pastor Kenneth Claytor

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The greatest break out we could have this year is a break out of religion and having this casual passive relationship with God. Believe that greatest turn around we could have is a turn around in our hearts to where we burn with passion for the One who saved us. That we could know Him better and serve Him more faithfully. God wants to know us and wants us to know Him.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 [NKJV]

Thus says the LORD:

²³ "Let not the wise *man* glory in <u>his wisdom</u>, Let not the mighty *man* glory in <u>his might</u>, Nor let the rich *man* glory in <u>his riches</u>; ²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this, That he <u>understands</u> and knows Me...

Many times we don't know God because we really don't understand Him. Have you ever been misunderstood before? If we are going to be successful at all, we are going to be misunderstood, it's just part of life. However there is also a grace that God will give us to where its ok, it doesn't matter. Because when we do things God's way someone is going to misunderstand you. To be wise and successful, we must get an understanding for God.

Proverbs 4:7 [NKJV]

...And in all your getting, get understanding.

Jeremiah 9:24 [NKJV]

But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me...

3 Disciplines to Knowing God

- 1. Time in His word
- 2. Time in Praver
- 3. Time in His House

1. Time in His Word

Choose to spend time in God's word, enjoy Bible study. Ask the Holy Spirit to give us the desire to love our time of looking into His word.

Psalm 119:9 [NIV]

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

Psalm 119:11 [NIV]

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

2. Time in Prayer

Prayer is the basic principles of a relationship with God. Without prayer we don't have a good relationship with God.

Psalm 119:18 [NIV]

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

3. Time in His House

The main ingredients for spiritual growth is prayer, the word and community. The more time you spend in prayer and the word, the deeper love God will give you for His house and the community of His people that come together. No matter where you go in life or what you do, never go long without a church home.

Haggai 1:4-9 [NLT]

⁴ "Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? ⁵ This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁶ You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!

⁷ "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! ⁸ Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. ⁹ You hoped for rich harvests, but they were poor. And when you brought your harvest home, I blew it away. Why? Because my house lies in ruins, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, while all of you are busy building your own fine houses.

[&]quot;You only know God as much as you know His Word"

[&]quot;You only love God as much as you love His Word"