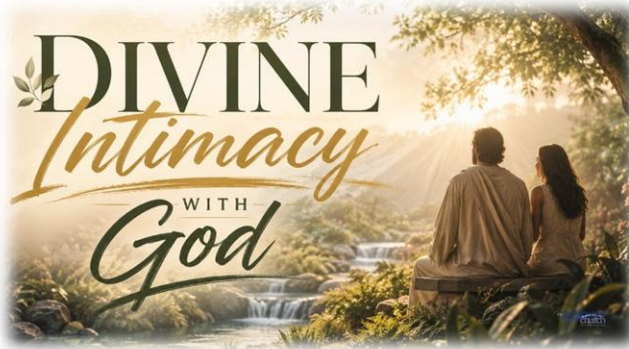


5-Day Bible Reading Plan & Devotional Guide
DIVINE INTIMACY WITH GOD
Moving From Knowing About God to Knowing God



Weekly Challenge:

This week, don't just ask God to **do something for you**. Ask Him to **draw you closer to Himself**.

DAY 1 — I Was Created for Relationship

Scripture

Genesis 2:18-25; Genesis 3:8-10

You can't have intimacy with someone you continually avoid.

Eden gives us a powerful picture of God's original desire for humanity: relationship, fellowship, openness, and connection. Adam and Eve weren't simply placed in a beautiful environment, they were placed in an environment where they could experience relationship with their Creator. After sin entered the picture, something changed: the same people who once experienced God's presence now hid from Him. Their sin produced distance, shame, and fear.

Life Application

Ask yourself:

- Have I been moving toward God or away from Him?
- Is there something causing me to hide from God?
- What would it look like for me to become more intentional about my relationship with Him?

Prayer

God, thank You for desiring relationship with me. Help me stop hiding from You and start drawing closer to You. Remove anything that is creating distance between us and help me experience the intimacy You desire for my life. Amen.

DAY 2 — I Must Pursue His Presence

Scripture

Psalms 63:1; Psalm 16:11

There is a difference between wanting what God can give me and wanting God Himself.

David describes his desire for God as thirst. That's intentional language. Thirst isn't casual it creates an urgency within us. Divine intimacy develops when our desire for God's **presence** becomes greater than our desire merely for God's **presents**.

We can become so focused on what we want God to do that we neglect the privilege of simply being with Him.

But David says, *"My soul thirsts for you"*, and that's intimacy. Intimacy says, "God, I don't just want Your hand. **I want Your heart.**" Psalm 16 reminds us that joy is found in God's presence. His presence isn't an interruption to our lives; His presence is where our lives become properly ordered.

Life Application

Create intentional space today to be with God without asking Him for anything.

Spend 10–15 minutes simply:

1. Being still.
2. Worshiping Him.
3. Thanking Him.
4. Listening.
5. Becoming aware of His presence.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to desire Your presence more than Your provision. Help me develop a hunger and thirst for You. May being with You become one of the greatest priorities of my life. Amen.

DAY 3 — His Presence Gives Me Rest

Scripture

Exodus 33:12-14

Sometimes we're asking God to change our circumstances when God is inviting us to experience His presence in the middle of them.

Moses understood something that we often forget: **the destination isn't enough if God's presence isn't going with us.**

God tells Moses, *"I will personally go with you...and I will give you rest."*

Moses wasn't simply asking God to give him direction. He wanted the assurance that **God Himself would go with him**. That's the difference between divine intimacy and religious activity. Religion can become focused on, "What am I supposed to do?"

Intimacy asks, **"God, where are You leading me, and will You go with me?"**

When God's presence becomes our priority, we don't have to carry everything by ourselves. His presence provides perspective when we're confused, strength when we're weak, peace when we're overwhelmed, and rest when life becomes demanding.

Life Application

Before making a major decision today, pause and pray:

"God, I don't want to move without You."

Then pay attention to where God may be directing you.

Prayer

Father, I don't want to live ahead of Your presence. Go with me into every room, every decision, every responsibility, and every challenge. Give me the rest that comes from knowing that I don't have to walk alone. Amen.

DAY 4 — I Must Love God with Everything

Scripture

Matthew 22:37-40; 1 John 4:19

Real intimacy isn't measured by how much we know about someone; it's revealed by how much we love them.

Jesus doesn't tell us to love God halfway.

He says to love Him with **all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind.**

God doesn't want to be one compartment of our lives.

He doesn't want our Sunday attention but our Monday independence.

He doesn't want our worship without our obedience.

He doesn't want our words without our hearts.

Divine intimacy means God becomes central to who we are.

And 1 John 4:19 reminds us that our love for God is a response: **He loved us first.**

We don't have to manufacture love for God. We respond to the love He has already demonstrated toward us.

Life Application

Consider these questions:

- Does my schedule demonstrate that I love God?
- Does my obedience demonstrate that I love God?
- Does the way I treat people demonstrate that I love God?
- Does my private life reflect the same love for God that I express publicly?

Prayer

God, I love You because You first loved me. Teach me to love You with all of me—not just with my words, but with my choices, priorities, relationships, and obedience. Amen.

DAY 5 — Come Close to God

Scripture

James 4:8; Hebrews 10:19-22

The distance between you and God doesn't have to remain the same. You can move closer.

The entire week has been moving toward one simple invitation:

Come close to God. Divine intimacy isn't a one-time experience. It's a lifestyle.

We develop intimacy by continually choosing relationship over religion, presence over performance, and love over obligation.

James 4:8 gives us a powerful promise: **when we draw near to God, He draws near to us.**

That means every prayer matters.

Every moment in Scripture matters.

Every act of obedience matters.

Every worship moment matters.

Every decision to seek God instead of running from Him matters.

We don't have to wait until everything is perfect to come close to God.

Come close now.

Life Application

Develop your personal **"Come Close" Plan**:

Every day:

- **Read** God's Word.
- **Pray** honestly.
- **Worship** intentionally.
- **Listen** for God's direction.
- **Obey** what He reveals.

Don't make intimacy complicated. Make it consistent.

Prayer

Father, I want to come closer to You. I don't want to settle for knowing about You when I can know You. I don't want to simply experience Your blessings; I want to experience Your presence. Draw me closer, deepen my relationship with You, and teach me to live every day aware of Your presence. In Jesus' name, amen.

Weekly Takeaway

DIVINE INTIMACY IS BUILT WHEN I:

1. Pursue a relationship with God.

I don't just know about Him—I seek to know Him.

2. Prioritize God's presence.

I don't just want His blessings—I want Him.

3. Love God wholeheartedly.

I don't just profess my love—I demonstrate it through obedience.

This Week's Declaration

"I will pursue God, prioritize His presence, and love Him with all of me. I will not allow shame, busyness, disappointment, or distraction to create distance between me and God. I am choosing to come close to God."

