

KNOW GOD AND LOVE HIM MORE | OUR HEARTS DESIRE FOR 2024

We often become or achieve the things we truly commit to pursue and the same is true in our spiritual lives.

James 4:8 “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...”

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” is not just a poster worthy sentence, but a faithful promise.

when it comes to your spiritual walk you are exactly where you have chosen to be.

What would it look like if I woke up every day with the goal to
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1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will do it.”

There is forever grace for our sin but be honor the Lord when our hearts desire is obedience.

Matthew 16:24-28

Take up our cross and follow Him

1. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO PRAYER

Romans 8:26-28

“In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints

according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:26-28 does not encourage a lack of prayer trusting God to just know, but they give us a freedom to go to God knowing that he knows us, cares for us, and is working things for our good.

1 John 5:14-15

“This is the confidence we have before him: if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him.”

“Prayer is abandoning my reliance on me and running toward the rest that can be found only when I rely on the power of God.” New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp | March 3rd

2. SPEND TIME WORSHIPPING A GOD WHO IS WORTHY

1. Don't miss opportunity for corporate worship.
2. Don't neglect the need for personal worship.

When we practice private, personal worship what we then do as a part of public worship is a genuine outflow and not an obligated participation.

3. CREATE TIME FOR TRUSTING IN THE LORD THROUGH FASTING AND REST

to fast is to replace a daily habit with intentional time and reliance on the Lord.

Fasting is not as much about going without as it is about dwelling with the Father.

4. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN GOD'S WORD

******THIS IS NOT A SERMON SLIDE, BUT THIS IS WHERE THE BIBLE CHART GRAPHIC SHOULD LAND******

Hebrews 4:12 – tells us that God’s word is living and effective

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – shows that it is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training for righteousness

Ephesians 6:17 – says the Word of God is a sword

Luke 4:1-13 – records that when Jesus was tempted His only and greatest response was the Word of God

Our Father, the creator of the universe, has given us His word so that we can know His heart, His plan, and His desire for us. That should make the Bible your greatest hope and ultimate authority.

Charles Spurgeon says: “It should be our rule never to see the face of men before first seeing the face of God. The morning watch anchors the soul so that it will not very readily drift far away from God during the day; the morning is the gate of the day and it should be well guarded in prayer. He who rushes from his bed to his business without first spending time with God is as foolish as though he had not washed or dressed, and as unwise as one dashing to battle without arms or armor”

5. LIVE WITH ACCOUNTABILITY

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