

Daily Walking Close to Thee

Walking with the Lord requires communion with Him. An intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father is powerful, and it requires that we obey Him on a daily basis. This will enable us to mature spiritually, overcome difficulties, witness effectively, and resist temptation.

DEVELOP AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Time spent in God's living Word (Hebrews 4:12) is without a doubt a crucial activity for anyone who is serious about developing and strengthening an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. This in concert with a thoughtful and earnest prayer life is essential.

*May the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be
pleasing in your sight, O Lord,
my Rock and my Redeemer.
– Psalm 19:14*

What else is important to do (or not to do) if we wish to hear the Lord's voice and desire for your life?
Look up: Psalm 46:10, Psalm 77:12,

What are some other ways to remind yourself of the Lord's constant presence?
Look up: Psalm 92:4, Romans 1:18-20

What attributes would you ascribe to someone who is walking with God?
Look up: Genesis 6:9

*I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

SUBMIT EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE TO HIM.

To experience the fullness of God's power, we must submit to Christ (James 4:6-7). We cannot holdback areas of our lives which we plan to "control on our own".

Is there an area of your life that you try to control apart from God's help?
Articulate why you have difficulty surrendering that aspect of your life, or generally what some reasons might be for others.

*If you don't feel ready to surrender this area to Christ, ask Him to change your heart and
lead you to a point in which you would be willing to hand it over to Him.*

ADMIT YOUR WEAKNESSES

Why did the apostle Paul say he delighted in weaknesses and hardships?
Look up: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

*Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee..*

What are you facing that is more than you can handle? Look up: 1 Peter 5:6-7

BELIEVE HIS PROMISES.

In Ephesians, Paul told believers to "be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might" (Ephesians 6:10). But how do we do that? Look up: John 14:10-12, Lamentations 3:19-25

STEP OUT IN FAITH AND OBEY.

Obeying God often requires us to take action, even when we don't understand how God will deliver or help us. In other words, we need to act in faith. Look up: Hebrews 11:1, John 20:29.

For instance, suppose leading a small group Bible study makes you feel anxious. You might admit your weakness and pray for the Lord's strength. But if you never get a group together and begin studying the scriptures together, you'll never experience God working through you in that area. Stepping out in obedience is a vital part of experiencing Christ's power.

Is there anything God wants you to do, that requires you to step out in faith?

INTERACTION WITH OTHERS

When we are faithfully walking hand-in-hand with the Lord the blessing does not stop within our physical frame. The individuals we encounter are by very definition in the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit. As ambassadors of Christ Jesus every interaction (stranger, spouse, grandchild, coworker, etc.) is an awesome opportunity to demonstrate the tender loving nature of our blessed redeemer. Look up: 1 John 4:19, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Just a closer walk with Thee - Grant it, Jesus, is my plea - Daily walking close to Thee - Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.