



Attribute 1: Walking daily in intimacy with Jesus Christ

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Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

John 15:1-7

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Luke 9:23-24

23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it."

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Chuck Swindoll has said, "There is nothing---absolutely nothing...of greater importance

than knowing Christ intensely and intimately." Intimacy with Christ is of paramount importance and everything we do must flow from our life in Him and His life in us.

Everything. So, how do we do that? How do I do that?

The natural place to begin when thinking about Walking Daily in Intimacy with Jesus Christ is in the practice of a consistent devotional time. I believe that is an essential, foundational part of the process and I've also come to understand that there is much more...and for me that more has been in learning how to experience the reality of His presence in the here and now.

I know the Biblical teaching, that God is always present...the real question is how do I experience that truth in the present moment...because the present moment is all I have?

Walking is a "here and now" activity. When I go outside for a walk my focus is not on the step I just took, nor on the steps I will take, rather it is on the step I am currently taking. Its a present moment activity.

Walking Daily in Intimacy with Jesus Christ is the same sort of thing. Its the present step, the present moment and my awareness of His presence in that moment, moment by moment, throughout the day in all of my endeavors and in all of my relationships. According to Frank Laubach, "This practicing the presence of Christ takes all our time, yet does not take from our work. It takes Christ into our enterprises and makes them more successful."

I have personally been blessed by exploring a growing "menu" of spiritual disciplines that help me experience Jesus in the moment. The result has been an ever-deepening relationship with Him and the by-product has been an increasing effectiveness as His Ambassador.

WHAT IDEA(S) DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?

Read: Galatians 2:19-20; Psalm 42:1-2; Psalm 46:10; Acts 17:28; Philippians 3:10; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; John 15:4-6; John 15:13-15

WHICH VERSES DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER REFLECTION?

Group Exploration

THINK OF SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO SEEMS TO BE WALKING DAILY IN INTIMACY WITH JESUS CHRIST. HOW HAS THAT PERSON IMPACTED YOUR LIFE? DESCRIBE, AS BEST YOU CAN, THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES OF THAT PERSON.

WHAT DOES WALKING DAILY IN INTIMACY WITH JESUS CHRIST LOOK LIKE FOR YOU? WHAT DISCIPLINES ARE YOU WILLING TO TRY? IF YOU REGULARLY PRACTICE THESE DISCIPLINES, HOW WILL YOU BE DIFFERENT IN 3 MONTHS? SIX MONTHS? A YEAR?

HOW MIGHT A MORE INTIMATE WALK WITH JESUS IMPACT YOU? YOUR FAMILY? YOUR WORK? YOUR RELATIONSHIPS?

Personal Application

WHAT WILL YOU DO STARTING TODAY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ENRICHING YOUR DAILY INTIMATE WALK WITH JESUS CHRIST?

WHAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU NEED FROM THIS TEAM TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS ON YOUR DAILY INTIMATE WALK WITH JESUS CHRIST?

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