

Walking With God

(Developing a Walk With God) - Selected Texts

Part one in a study entitled:
"24/7: Cultivating a Complete Commitment to Jesus Christ"

Introduction:

Daily time alone with God will affect your entire day.

I. The Foundational Principles

- Listen to God through continual meditation on His Word (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2)
- Talk to God through continual prayer from your heart (2 Thess 5:17)

II. The Practical Pause

- Be Still (Psalm 46:10)
- Be Silent (Psalm 4:4; Zech 2:13; Hab 2:20)

III. The Biblical Pattern

- Before the pressures of the day come (Mark 1:35)
- After the pressures of the day come (Luke 6:12)

IV. The Spiritual Purpose

- To Know Him (Phil 3:10)
- To Become Like Him (2 Cor 3:18)

V. The Personal Practice

- Choose a Time
- Choose a Place
- Choose a Format

Conclusion:

- Are you spending daily time alone with God?

Not a Shell Game

(Discovering the Will of God)

Part two in a study entitled:
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Introduction:

God's will leads us to godly wisdom.

I. How to Discover God's Will

- **Don't Look for It**

- In a subjectively mystical feeling (Eph 4:14)

- In a superstitiously magical faith

- (Jer 10:2-3; Lev 19:26,31; Deut 18:10-12; 2 Kings 19:19; Isa 8:19)

- In a systematically mechanical formula

- **Do Live by It**

- Seek, Obey, and Share God's Word (Ezra 7:10)

Key #1: God's will is a matter of right and wrong.

II. How to Develop Godly Wisdom

#1 - Cultivate a Heart for God

(Deut 6:5; Ps 37:4a; Prov 3:5-6)

#2 - Ask God for Wisdom

(James 1:5)

#3 - Seek Godly Counsel

(Prov 1:5, 12:15, 19:20; Heb 10:25)

#4 - Evaluate Your Choices

(1 Sam 1:23; Acts 15:22, 20:16)

#5 - Follow the Desires of Your Heart

(Ps 37:4b; 1 Cor 10:27)

Key #2: Godly wisdom is a matter of good, better, and best.

Conclusion:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

When the Plate is Passed

(Delighting in the Worth of God)

Part three in a study entitled:
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Introduction:

The most practical test of my commitment to Jesus Christ involves my financial giving to God's work.

The "Training Wheel" Level

Developing Balance Through Tithing

(Lev 27:30; Gen 14:18-20; Luke 11:42; Heb 7:1-11;
1 Cor 9:1-14; Mal 3:8-10)

Wheel #1: He is the final authority in my life

(1 Chron 29:14; James 1:17)

- He owns everything I have
- He should authorize everything I spend

Wheel #2: He is the first priority in my life

(2 Cor 8:5; Prov 3:9)

- He should have "me" first
- He should have the first of "mine"

Question #1: Am I bringing a tithe because I ought to?

The "Two Wheel" Level

Experiencing Freedom Through Offerings

(Luke 21:1-4; 2 Cor 8-9)

Wheel #1: I have the freedom to enjoy my giving

(2 Cor 8:8-11; 2 Cor 9:6-15)

- Enjoy the reason for my gift
- Enjoy the decision of my gift
- Enjoy the impact of my gift

Wheel #2: I have the freedom to excel in my giving

(2 Cor 8:2,6-9; 8:13)

- Excel in this spiritual quality as in any other
- Excel in this spiritual ministry as in any other

Question #2: Am I bringing offerings because I want to?

Conclusion:

- Sit down and by faith evaluate your giving
- Make a change in how you give

The Unknown Servant

(Doing the Work of God)

2 Kings 5:1-16

Part four in a study entitled:

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Introduction:

Serving God is a lifestyle, not a series of events

I. Let God Work In You (5:1-3)

- Acknowledge Who He Is
- Acknowledge What He Can Do

Key #1: Your heart must be open to the work of God

II. Let God Work Through You (5:1-3)

- No Matter Who You Are
- No Matter Where You Are
- No Matter Why You Are There

Key #2: Your life must be open to the work of God.

III. Let God Work Beyond You (5:4-16)

- He Will Surprise You By Whom He Uses
- He Will Surprise You By What He Uses
- He Will Surprise You By How He Uses Them

Key #3: Your eyes must be open to the work of God.

Conclusion:

Is doing the work of God a natural part of your life?