



Our Personal Walk with the Lord

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Isaiah 30:18

*Therefore **the LORD longs to be gracious to you**, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; **How blessed are all those who long for Him.***

II Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

I. How does God call us to walk with Him?

- Salvation (John 17:3; Galatians 1:4)
- Continual Restoration (I John 2:1; I John 1:9)

II. How does God encourage our walk with Him?

- By directives (I Peter 2:2; Romans 15:4; 2 Peter 3:18)
- By promises (I Peter 1:3-4; Philippians 1:6)
- By application (Matthew 6:33; I Corinthians 10:31; James 4:17)

II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

III. What hinders our walk with God?

- Our nature (Jeremiah 17:9-10; I John 1:8-9)
- Distractions (Romans 12:1-2; I Peter 2:11)

IV. How should we respond to failure in our personal walk with God?

- Accept God's directive (Deuteronomy 6:5-6; I Peter 1:15-16)
- Take responsibility (Genesis 3:16; I Timothy 2:15; I Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 2:1)
- Acknowledge God's presence and promises (Psalm 121:1-2; Psalm 46:1; Psalm 91:2)

II Peter 1:2-3

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

V. What can we do to help develop our walk with God?

- Devotional times (Psalm 63:1; Psalm 42:1-2)
- Prayer (I Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16)
- Journaling (Deuteronomy 6:9; Hebrews 10:16)
- Meditation (Psalm 19:14; Psalm 119:97; Psalm 119:99)
- Memorization (Psalm 119:11; Colossians 3:16)
- Offerings (I Chronicles 29:17; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Romans 12:1)
- Praise (Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 35:28; Psalm 22:22)
- Witnessing (Mark 16:15; I Peter 2:9)

VI. What are some long term goals I can *strive* for, in encouraging my personal walk with God?

- Listening to recorded sermons and series
- Word studies
- Inductive Bible study (Who, What, Where, Why, When)
- Individual book studies
- Reading through the Bible
- Referencing study aids

Ephesians 4:14-16

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

VII. What group settings has God provided for me as I develop a personal walk with God?

- Church attendance (Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 84:10; Ephesians 5:19)
- Praying with others (Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Teaching others (Deuteronomy 6:7; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9)
- Bible studies (2 Timothy 3:14; Hebrews 13:1)

VIII. Who does God provide for us to aid us in our personal walk with God?

- Spiritual leaders (Hebrews 13:17)
- Our mothers (Ephesians 6:2-3; Proverbs 1:8)
- Older women (Titus 2:3-5; Psalm 71:18)
 - Biblical examples of older women
 - Naomi and Ruth (Ruth 1:14ff)
 - Elizabeth and Mary (Luke 1:41-46)

Psalm 19:7-10

*The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the
simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the
heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true;
they are righteous altogether.*

IX. What are the benefits of focusing on a personal walk with God?

- A calm, confident, courageous and cheerful testimony for God's glory (Psalm 1:3; I John 5:4)
- Gaining discernment (Philippians 1:9-10)
- Obedience to the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-40; Micah 6:8)
- Progressively loving Christ more and abhorring our sin (James 5:16; Psalm 51:10)
- Being equipped to help others (Proverbs 27:17; Romans 15:1-2)
- Developing of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives (Galatians 5:22-25; Matthew 7:20)

X. What are some challenges mothers of young children face in keeping a consistent devotional life?

- Finding time to walk with God
- Consistency in walking with God
- Influencing my children to respect my walk with God
- Being an example to my children in my personal walk with God
- Utilizing Bible Memorization in my daily walk with God

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