

EXPERIENCING GOD

EXPERIENCING GOD IN YOUR DAILY LIFE

Returning to God

Christians can encounter times when they lose their intimacy with God. Even the most dedicated Christians can find their love for God has cooled if not careful. The drift away from the Lord can be so subtle that you fail to recognize the loss until it is fairly severe. Scripture describes some ways you can know whether you a right relationship with Him or not.

- You no longer hear from God
- You lose your joy
- You do not produce spiritual fruit
- You no longer have victory in your life

No one means to lose something precious. By not taking proper precautions, we can misplace even the most valuable of possessions. When you lose your focus on Him...that's when you drift away from Him.

Sin always robs you of your intimacy by breaking your fellowship with God. Whenever you depart from God to any degree, He disciplines you in increasing measure until you return to Him. God loves you as His child and, as your Heavenly Father, will correct you until you turn from your rebellion.

Scripture promises that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Confession and repentance always go together. When you repent of sin, you turn away from the sin and return to God. God's remedy for restored fellowship with Him involves humility, prayer, seeking the experience of His presence and repentance. He promises to hear, forgive sin and heal.

Confessing and returning to the Lord are good, but prevention is even better. Scripture gives much helpful counsel for keeping your heart from departing from the Lord.

1. Guard your heart
2. Seek godly counsel
3. Love Him
4. Obey Him

Experiencing God Outside the Church

For too long Christians have assumed God's activity generally occurs at a church on Sunday. In reality, God is continually at work in the world around us...outside the church building.

Why is so much of God's activity accomplished outside the church? Because that is where the people who need Him are. Church provides an opportunity for the saints to be equipped for their mission work throughout the week.

Many people are discovering that God has placed them in their companies so they can be witnesses to the people around them. Many people who meet Christ have never dreamed of visiting a church on Sunday, so He sends His servants to job sites where they encounter people who need to hear about Him.

Jesus expects every disciple to make their first priority becoming involved in the building of God's kingdom.

Continuing to Experience God

Your encounter with Christ through this material has not been an end but a beginning. I trust that you have been challenged to see where God is working and then join Him in that work. I hope you've made all the adjustments in your life that God has asked for and are now obeying Him.

But all of this is only the beginning. God wants you to know and experience more of Him. There is far more of Himself that He wants to reveal to you.

As you prepare to move to the next stage in your walk with God, consider adopting a few practices that will help you continue going deeper in your relationship with Him.

1. Stay immersed in God's Word
2. Remain involved in your church
3. Pray regularly
4. Strive to keep your vows to God
5. Take time to process what God says to you