

3) _____ one another

Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV

23 Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

Colossians 3:16 NLT

Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

4) _____ in the Lord!

Psalms 73:23-28 MSG

23 I'm still in your presence, but you've taken my hand. 24 You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me. 25 You're all I want in heaven! You're all I want on earth! 26 When my skin sags and my bones get brittle, GOD is rock-firm and faithful. 27 Look! Those who left you are falling apart! Deserters, they'll never be heard from again. 28 But I'm in the very presence of God-- oh, how refreshing it is! I've made the Lord GOD my home. God, I'm telling the world what you do!

Psalms 16:7-9 NLT

7 I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. 8 I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. 9 No wonder my heart is filled with joy, and my mouth shouts his praises!

Growing in Intimacy with God

Exodus 3:1-5 NLT

1 One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he went deep into the wilderness near Sinai, the mountain of God. 2 Suddenly, the angel of the LORD appeared to him as a blazing fire in a bush. Moses was amazed because the bush was engulfed in flames, but it didn't burn up. 3 "Amazing!" Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go over to see this." 4 When the LORD saw that he had caught Moses' attention, God called to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. 5 "Do not come any closer," God told him. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground."

4 Keys to Growing in Intimacy With God

1) _____ to God

James 4:8 NKJV

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Isaiah 29:13 NIV

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men."

How to Draw Near to God

Hebrews 10:22 NIV

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

- a) _____ (Devoted to pursuing God)
- b) _____ of faith (in Christ)
- c) _____ (humility, unworthiness)
- d) _____ (confession and cleansing)

2) _____ to His plan for _____

Surrender: To give oneself up into the power of another.

3 Barriers to Surrender

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

Surrender is best demonstrated by _____
and _____

You are **not surrendered** to God when you are:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____ your
circumstances

Our Plans

Proverbs 19:21 MSG

We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but GOD's purpose prevails.

Jeremiah 10:23 NLT

I know, LORD, that a person's life is not his own. No one is able to plan his own course.

God's Plans

Romans 8:29 MSG

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.

Isaiah 46:10 NIV

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Isaiah 55:8 MSG

"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work."