



### **Drawing Closer To God**

There is something that all of God's children should desire and that is to draw closer to God than we have ever been. We all need for the things of Christ to exercise a greater influence in our lives. We need God's Spirit to dwell strongly in our minds and hearts.

In addition, we all need to have more friends and better Christian relationships with each other and to increase the joy and happiness of our salvation, especially in the evil times and with the demonic influences which are all around us.

If these things excite you and cause you to want to indeed draw closer to God, there are things to do which will increase your relationship with our Lord. The result will be increased joy and happiness in your salvation in knowing more about what He has done for you, what He is doing now, and the assurance of His promises in the days to come.

*What then do I do?*

- 1- Attend church every opportunity you have! Paul stated, **“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhort one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”** (Hebrews 10:25).
- 2- Read and study the Bible on a regular basis! II Timothy 2:15, **“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** This admonition is not just for preachers. It is good and necessary for all of God's children in seeking to draw closer to our Saviour. The more we know about Him and His teachings, the better we can withstand the fiery darts of satan.
- 3- Pray often, by yourself and with others! A great example is found in Romans 1:9 when Paul said, **“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;”**

4- Share fellowship with Godly people as often as possible! **“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ”** (I John 1:3). How precious it is to fellowship with those of like faith, who believe in the saving grace of our Lord, and that He has finished the work of Salvation given unto us by His Father - God. We can do this by regularly attending church, by calling and checking on the sick and the widows and orphans, and by sharing time with godly people.

5- Have conversations concerning the Word of God with others of like faith! Paul told the Philippian Church, **“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;”** (Philippians 1:27). Notice what Peter says in I Peter 1:15, **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;”**

6- Walk humbly before God and man, showing forth your faith in God and being willing to stand upon His truths! Listen to the words of Micah 6:8, **“O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”**

These are just a few of the things which come to mind. My prayer is that we all will make a stronger attempt to draw closer to our Lord. The result can not be anything else but good. **“Think About IT”**