

Chuck Swindoll has said, "There is nothing---absolutely nothing...of greater importance than knowing Christ intensely and intimately." Intimacy with Christ is of paramount importance and everything we do must flow from our life in Him and His life in us. Everything. So, how do we do that? How do I do that?

The natural place to begin when thinking about Walking Daily in Intimacy with Jesus Christ is in the practice of a consistent devotional time. I believe that is an essential, foundational part of the process and I've also come to understand that there is much more...and for me that more has been in learning how to experience the reality of His presence in the here and now.

I know the Biblical teaching, that God is always present...the real question is how do I experience that truth in the present moment...because the present moment is all I have?

Walking is a "here and now" activity. When I go outside for a walk my focus is not on the step I just took, nor on the steps I will take, rather it is on the step I am currently taking. Its a present moment activity.

Walking Daily in Intimacy with Jesus Christ is the same sort of thing. Its the present step, the present moment and my awareness of His presence in that moment, moment by moment, throughout the day in all of my endeavors and in all of my relationships. According to Frank Laubach, "This practicing the presence of Christ takes all our time, yet does not take from our work. It takes Christ into our enterprises and makes them more successful."

I have personally been blessed by exploring a growing "menu" of spiritual disciplines that help me experience Jesus in the moment. The result has been an ever-deepening relationship with Him and the by-product has been an increasing effectiveness as His Ambassador.

WHAT IDEA(S) DID THE HOLY SPIRIT HIGHLIGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION?